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ABSTRACT

Books classified as "easy" (E) in the school media collection and a brief listing of filmstrips for the elementary school level are presented with critical annotations. Entries were selected from those materials submitted by publishers which received favorable reviews by educators. Books are listed by author, and each entry includes title, publisher, date of publication, cost, and grade level. The majority of titles are in the range of K-3. (Author/BK)

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This bibliography lists books classified as "easy" (E) in the school media collection.

Materials on this list were selected from those which publishers have submitted for evaluation. Educators may assume that materials available for purchase not appearing on this list either were not submitted or were considered inappropriate for school purchase. All items included on this bibliography except 16mm films, and some items suggested for inclusion by local school administrative units, are displayed in the Center in Raleigh. The name of a school administrative unit appearing after an annotation indicates that educators in that system reviewed and recommended the item.

At the end of the annotated lists of print and audiovisual materials may be found unannotated lists of materials which have had favorable reviews in other reliable reviewing sources. Additional information may be obtained by writing or calling the Materials Review and Evaluation Center.

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Schools may use this list to aid in selection of materials but are in no way restricted to purchasing items on this list.

BOOKS

Adams, Adrienne. THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. Scribners, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Good will abounds in this joyful story of Orson Rabbit, who helps village bunnies give their parents a surprise Christmas party; tale emits friendly, neighborhood warmth as all help prepare; stylized color illustrations set intended cozy mood; delightful Christmas reading suitable for individual or group

Ahlberg, Janet and Allan. COPS AND ROBBERS. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $7.25. Grades K-4

Frolicsome story of "cops and robbers of London town" and honorable Officer Pugh who singlehandedly catches thieves who have stolen Christmas toys; rhyming metrical verse and small, but refined illustrations will tickle readers, listeners; "crime does not pay" theme humorously depicted

Ahlberg, Janet and Allan. EACH PEACH PEAR PLUM: AN 'I SPY' STORY. Viking, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-1

Charmingly fresh pictorial extension of nursery rhymes; child is invited to spy characters which are tucked into the exquisitely drawn, detailed illustrations;

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EACH PEACH PEAR PLUM: AN 'I SPY' STORY. (Cont'd.)

effective use of sequencing and continuity subtly leads reader, encourages attentiveness; attractive cover, readable print, simple vocabulary increase potential for individual as well as group reading

Aitken, Amy. RUBY! Bradbury, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades 1-3

Jolly story about a little girl named Ruby whose capricious ambition has her dreaming of being a rock star, movie star, author, artist, president; children can identify with musings about future fame; soft pastel sketches depict Ruby in present and in her daydreams; simple vocabulary, action will attract young readers

Aleichem, Sholem. Translated and adapted by Uri Shulevitz and Elizabeth Shub. HANUKAH MONEY. Greenwillow, 1978. 32 p. $6.67. Grades K-3

Classic Hanukah tale set in old Europe; Matt and his brother focus on how many rubles they receive, rather than religious details, just as children today; vocabulary, games, customs reflect ancient traditions; several large, representative illustrations make this appropriate for reading aloud to younger audience and for independent reading

Alexander, Martha. I SURE AM GLAD TO SEE YOU, BLACKBOARD BEAR. Dial, 1976. unp. $4.58. $1.75 paper. Grades K-3

Described on September 1977 Easy Books Advisory List

Alexander, Sue. MARC THE MAGNIFICENT. Pantheon, 1978. unp. $4.99. Grades K-2

Juxtaposition of fantasy and reality prevails in story of Marc, boy who dreams of being a renowned magician but has trouble completing his first trick; emphasizes, by use of fancy, theme of perseverance; large tempera and ink illustrations splash brightly across pages to vivify text; magic book for the very young

Alexander, Sue. MORE WITCH, GOBLIN, AND GHOST STORIES: AN I AM READING BOOK. Pantheon, 1978. 61 p. $4.99. Grades 1-3

Collection of six short stories about adventures of three friends--Witch, Goblin, and Ghost; simple plots include rained-out picnic, exaggeration, exploring; beginning-to-read book with many small black-and-white illustrations

Allard, Harry. BUMPS IN THE NIGHT. Doubleday, 1979. 32 p. $7.90. Grades 3-5

Light-hearted ghost story about Dudley the Stork, whose house is haunted; Dudley gathers his comical friends--Trevor the Hog, Grandpa Python, Dagmar the Baboon, Georgiana the Ostrich--for seance with Madame Kreepy; black-and-white, tinged with pink, illustrations depict this odd group of anthropomorphic characters; pleasing, entertaining tale

Allard, Harry. I WILL NOT GO TO MARKET TODAY. Dial, 1979. unp. $6.46. Grades K-3

Fenimore B. Buttercrunch, luckless white rooster, needs jam for his toast; each day he plans a trip to the market something stops him: raging blizzard, oppressive heat wave, heavy fog, violent hurricane, threatening dinosaur, traffic jam, broken leg; these menaces which plague Fenimore, portrayed by sharp, clear illustrations, will tickle young readers--as will the appealing cover (Haywood County)

Aman, Mildred. THE WONDERFUL BOX. Dutton, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades 2-4

Three children's finding a lost box begins a chain of events ultimately leading to realization of their deepest wishes--Grover acquires a bicycle, Midge makes a new friend, Joey learns to read; realistic black-and-white illustrations complement text on every page

Anglund, Joan Walsh. THE JOAN WALSH ANGLUND STORYBOOK. Random, 1978. 45 p. $5.99. Grades K-3

Collection of 13 children's stories and poems, copiously illustrated with the artist's drawings which are often interspersed with text; many titles seasonal--e.g., "A Christmas Star," "A Pumpkin Story," "The Great Green Wave"; Anglund's unique, charming illustrations intensify warmth and appeal of these selections

Anno, Mitsumasa. THE KING'S FLOWER. Collins Pubs., 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades 1-3

Everything the King owns must be gigantic: his toothbrush, bed, crown, silverware, chocolate bar; he even wants to grow "the biggest flower in all the world"; when a beautiful tiny tulip appears in his huge flowerpot, the King decides that maybe "biggest is not the best after all"; large, attractive format, inviting text, colorful, detailed illustrations picturing the King's loyal subjects and his enormous possessions will delight young readers

Armitage, Ronda and David. "DON'T FORGET, MATILDA!" André Deutsch, 1979. (Available from Dutton.) unp. $6.95. Grades K-2

Unusual, but winsome story of a koala bear family which matter-of-factly features Mother's going to work and Father's staying home to keep house and Matilda; vivid sketches colorfully depict text, re-inforce vocabulary development while story emphasizes human trait of forgetfulness; for individual enjoyment or as instructive, entertaining read-aloud; bright, eye-catching cover will invite selection

Armitage, Ronda and David. THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S LUNCH. André Deutsch, 1979. (Available from Dutton.) unp. $5.95. Grades 1-5

When seagulls begin to devour Mr. Grinling's lunches, his wife devises a sneaky plan--mustard sandwiches; average story highlighted by large, bright watercolor illustrations of text, characters, setting; some troublesome vocabulary for unaccomplished young reader, but appealing format, vital drawings compensate; practical for individuals or group reading

Arnosky, Jim. NATHANIEL STORIES: MUD TIME AND MORE. Addison, 1979. unp. $5.95. Grades K-1

Four amusing, wordless little stories which delineate Nathaniel's unusual problems and his unique way of handling them; distinct line drawings humorously depict action, Nathaniel's bewildered expressions; will entertain and stimulate response

Aruego, Jose, and Ariane Dewey. WE HIDE, YOU SEEK. Greenwillow, 1979. 32 p. $7.63. Grades K-3

Rhino plays hide-and-seek with animals of East Africa but always inadvertently flushes them from their natural camouflage situations; when it is his turn to hide, he is just as clever as his friends; vibrantly colored pages perfectly represent the topography while providing a lesson in animal camouflage with gentle humor, subtlety, only 27 words; end papers identify by habitat 75 different animal species playmates

Asch, Frank. MOON BEAR. Scribners, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Bear's fear that the shrinking moon is malnourished leads him to set out bowls of honey; one of the birds who has been feasting on his honey finally tells the truth; simple, brief text contrasts with intricate, swirling designs of sky; close examination reveals myriad creatures, objects

Asch, Frank. SAND CAKE: A FRANK ASCH BEAR STORY. Parents, 1978. unp. $4.99. Grades K-2

While at the beach, Papa Bear makes a sand cake that Baby Bear promises to eat; after drawing an egg, milk, flour in the sand, Papa Bear scoops up the ingredients, puts them in bucket; to keep his promise, Baby Bear draws a self-portrait with the sand cake in his stomach; large, distinct drawings in contrasting colors enhance this unique twist to old art of making sand cakes; will inspire imaginative creativity

Asch, Frank. TURTLE TALE. Dial, 1978. unp. $6.29. Grades K-2

Brief prosaic tale about a turtle who learns when to pull in his head and when to keep it out; full-page, one-dimensional color illustrations with simple text at bottom of each page will lure readers; provides positive learning experience

Augarde, Steve. BARNABY SHREW GOES TO SEA. André Deutsch, 1978. (Available from Dutton.) unp. $5.95. Grades 2-5

Entertaining story of Barnaby Shrew, whose fantasy is to run away to sea; he has trouble finding work until he becomes Cabin Shrew for eccentric Captain Rat; numerous color illustrations depict droll rodent characters, amusing action; tongue-in-cheek British humor may be too subtle for some readers

Bach, Alice. THE MOST DELICIOUS CAMPING TRIP EVER. Harper, 1976. 48 p. $5.79. Also available from Dell for $1.25 paper. Grades 1-3

Described on September 1977 Reduction of Sex Bias Advisory List

Baker, Betty. PARTNERS. Greenwillow, 1978. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 1-3

Three stories about partnership between careless, impatient coyote and careful, methodical badger: arranging stars in the sky when the world was new, farming potatoes and melons, hunting prairie dogs; only in the farming story does hard-working badger come out ahead of the game; spare, colorful illustrations of desert scenes

Baker, Jeannie. GRANDMOTHER. André Deutsch, 1978. (Available from Dutton.) unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

First-person narrative by devoted little girl visiting her grandmother, whose house is hidden away in jungle-like grounds; multi-colored collage illustrations command reader's attention, which secondarily shifts to accompanying text in large print; nude statues in garden may be offensive, but overall the book has striking eye-appeal

Balian, Lorna. A SWEETHEART FOR VALENTINE. Abingdon, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-3

Oversized baby mysteriously left at village hall is adopted by all of St. Valentine; she grows so large and eats so much that it takes entire town to feed and clothe her; when it is time to find her a sweetheart, fate happily intercedes; warmth and caring are amusingly expressed in details of intricate, pastel, full-page pictures which alone tell story for youngest readers; holiday reference is incidental to story

Barrett, Judi. CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS. Atheneum, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-3

In Chewandswallow no one had to cook or shop for food; at breakfast, lunch, dinner times the weather provided food; it rained soup or juice, snowed peas and mashed potatoes; sometimes storms brought hamburgers or chicken; but then there was a change in the weather...; as funny as story is to tell, food-filled pages are even funnier--if reader's stomach can tolerate them

Bartholic, Edward L. CRICKET AND SPARROW: FOUR STORIES. Collins Pubs., 1979. 58 p. $6.91. Grades 1-4

Four pleasing little tales about Cricket, Sparrow, their forest friends; written in simple, straightforward style and adorned by detailed, soft black-and-white illustrations; gentle humor, derived from mild-tempered characters, creates serene atmosphere, admirable relationships

Bartoli, Jennifer. IN A MEADOW, TWO HARES HIDE. Whitman, 1978. unp. $5.63. Grades K-3

Excellent animal story will amuse readers and give facts concerning the lives of hares; tells of two episodes in lives of Lepo and Mimo; beautiful watercolor illustrations greatly enhance the tale, making it a good choice for the picture book collection; page of factual information at end makes this book also useful in science collections

Battles, Edith. WHAT DOES THE ROOSTER SAY, YOSHIO? Whitman, 1978. unp. $4.13. Grades K-2

Japanese boy and American girl, comparing sounds of animals in their own languages, finally find one animal that says the same thing to both of them; full-page watercolor illustrations portray lovable characters, animals; useful for developing understanding of others and encouraging acceptance of different cultures, languages

Baylor, Byrd. GUESS WHO MY FAVORITE PERSON IS. Scribners, 1977. unp. $7.95. Grades 1-4

Guess what my favorite book is...this one will be a likely choice for many readers; two friends in an alfalfa field choose favorite dreams, colors, places to live, things to taste; both the lyrical text and delicate watercolor illustrations by Robert Parker are enchanting, gentle, optimistic, imaginative; game's participants make choices that paint a world of exciting, versatile options; charming argument for looking, listening, touching; also an appealing invitation to lie in a field, watch "ladybugs climb yellow flowers," "play the tell-what-your-favorite-thing-is game"; outstanding selection

Baylor Byrd. THE WAY TO START A DAY. Scribners, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades 1-4

Inspirational encomium to the sunrise illustrates how man, since time immemorial, has paid this tribute; poetic language, double-page diffusion of vivid color create mystical tone in this 1979 Caldecott Honor Book; artistically emphasizes individual's sense of universal response to nature

Berenstain, Stan and Jan. THE BERENSTAIN BEARS GO TO SCHOOL. Random, 1978. unp. $3.99. $.95 paper. Grades K-3

Cheery story of Sister Bear's first time at kindergarten; large, brightly colored illustrations, simple vocabulary, lively action create light-hearted atmosphere sure to capture child's interest

Berson, Harold. JOSEPH AND THE SNAKE. Macmillan, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Snake wanted to eat Joseph, his rescuer, until fox pulled a sly trick earning Joseph's lasting gratitude; a tale with food for thought about greed, sincerity, appreciation--even for younger children; elegant, detailed illustrations of Alsatian countryside

Bishop, Bonnie. NO ONE NOTICED RALPH. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $5.90. Grades K-3

Ralph, a rather talkative parrot, decides to leave the monotony of his home and seek adventures in the world; nobody pays him any attention until he accidentally says "fire" at the moment flames come out of a nearby building; he becomes an instant hero with all the attention he desires; simple vocabulary, amusing story line, Jack Kent's pictures will all hold young readers' attention

Bishop, Bonnie. RALPH RIDES AWAY. Doubleday, 1979. 63 p. $5.90. Grades K-3

Curious Ralph, a lovable green parrot, gets separated from his genial owners, Mr. and Mrs. Muggs; Ralph's adventures in the zoo and a joyful reunion with his owners provide amusing plot; spacious color drawings intermingled with large, readable print; fun for individual or group reading

Boegehold, Betty. PIPPA POPS OUT! FOUR READ-ALOUD/READ-ALONE STORIES. Knopf, 1979. 59 p. $4.95. Grades 1-4

Endearing stories about Pippa Mouse, her family, and friends; Pippa gets lost in the forest, gains a positive self-image, learns to fly, becomes a magician, gets a new baby brother; warm pencil sketches picture such adorable characters as Weber Duck, Ripple Squirrel, Gray Bird; simple plots, but crowded text

Bond, Michael, and Fred Banbery. PADDINGTON AT THE SEASIDE. Random, 1978. 32 p. $3.99. Grades K-3

On Paddington Bear's first visit to the seashore, he learns to swim without his duffle coat, then makes a nearly disastrous visit to a Punch and Judy show; familiar, colorful illustrations accompany text

Bond, Michael, and Fred Banbery. PADDINGTON AT THE TOWER. Random, 1978. 32 p. $3.99. Grades K-4

Paddington Bear and his friends visit the Tower of London, where the resident ravens gorge on his marmalade sandwiches and the local Beefeater designates him "Marmalade-eater"; charming illustrations of bits of London and the Tower's treasures

Bottner, Barbara. DUMB OLD CASEY IS A FAT TREE. Harper, 1979. 42 p. $6.89. Grades 2-5

Squabby Casey, who has always wanted to be a ballet dancer, struggles to overcome her ineptness; when she is not chosen for a lead role in her recital, she practices hard, becomes the lead tree, realizes her exhilaration when dancing; reader will empathize with Casey's pain, frustration, joy; appropriate black-and-white illustrations reflect mood, characterizations

Bottner, Barbara. MESSY. Delacorte, 1979. unp. $6.46. Grades K-3

Harriet, who likes to be called Harry, is messy in everything she does--everything except her starring performance as the princess in her ballet recital; however, being neat does not last long; attractively witty, pink-tinted illustrations contribute to this humorous tale most children with messy rooms will love; for reading aloud or independently

Bowden, Joan Chase. THE BEAN BOY. Macmillan, 1979. 62 p. $6.95. Grades K-3

Poor woman sets out to seek her fortune carrying her little bean boy, carved by her husband; after encountering a series of hungry animals and their owners, she eventually meets the king, who invites her and her husband to live at the palace; simple text, rhythmic repetition, colorful illustrations of delightfully expressive animals

Bram, Elizabeth. SATURDAY MORNING LASTS FOREVER. Dial, 1978. unp. $5.47. Grades K-2

Appealing, diminutive book in which Susan resourcefully finds ways to busy herself while her parents sleep late: she takes a walk, picks flowers, collects bottle caps, has breakfast with her neighbor, observes ants on sidewalk; plain line drawings, touched with shades of orange, appropriately picture the sparse text, simple plot; size and format will attract young readers

Bram, Elizabeth. THERE IS SOMEONE STANDING ON MY HEAD. Dial, 1979. unp. $6.46. Grades K-2

Unprententious story of a young girl, her imaginary playmate, and their games; simple text accompanies bold, unembellished, color illustrations; for any child with a make-believe friend

Brandenberg, Franz. NICE NEW NEIGHBORS. Greenwillow, 1977. 56 p. $5.49. Grades K-3

When the six Fieldmouse children try making friends in their new neighborhood, the grasshopper, frog, snail, lizard children reject them but later join the Fieldmouse production of *THREE BLIND MICE*; cartoon-like illustrations in shades of pink and green emphasize light-hearted tone of this entertaining bibliotherapeutic book; inviting cover will guarantee selection

Brandenberg, Franz. SIX NEW STUDENTS. Greenwillow, 1978. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 1-3

Six Fieldmouse children begin new school; first-grader Ferdinand is sure he will like none of it, but his clever teacher keeps him happily involved; throughout day children's negative feelings are gently reversed by adults in a way guaranteed to produce smiles; Aliki ingeniously captures expressions and atmosphere in her tiny pastel drawings

Bridgman, Elizabeth. NEW DOG NEXT DOOR. Harper, 1978. 31 p. $5.79. Grades K-2

Little boy describes how new neighborhood dog makes himself at home wherever he wants: he sleeps in garage (in front of car), he carries garbage (out of trash can) he sits at door (on flowers); full-page, plain line drawings with sprinkling of color juxtapose brief text; simple little book suitable for beginners

*Briggs
Bright, Robert. GEORGIE AND THE BURIED TREASURE. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $7.90. Grades K-4

Georgie the Ghost fans will delight in this story about Mr. Snead, who dreams there is treasure buried on his land; determined to find the treasure, he digs up his own yard and even starts to cut down everyone's favorite tree; Georgie and his animal friends trick him into digging a well for the downcast Whittakers, in whose home Georgie lives; black-and-orange cover, figures in blue-shaded pencil drawings are expressive, appealing; lengthy text may discourage some independent readers; "love thy neighbor" message is loud and clear (Haywood County)

Brooks, Ron. TIMOTHY AND GRAMPS. Bradbury, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades 3-6

Exquisitely delicate, entrancing color illustrations pervade this tender story about a boy and his grandfather; Timothy's distaste for school vanishes after his beloved

*NOTE: *See Page 51 for an annotation of THE SNOWMAN by Raymond Briggs.*

TIMOTHY AND GRAMPS. (Cont'd.)

grandfather comes and tells a long story to his classmates; subtle story line, intricately woven into the visual scenes, will require perceptive reader and inspire creative response; truly rewarding experience

Brown, Marc. ARTHUR'S EYES. Little, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Sympathetically related story of Arthur, ridiculed by his classmates because he has to wear glasses; anthropomorphic presentation of Arthur (anteater), Francine (ape), Arthur's teacher (moose), and his friends depicts children's typical actions, feelings of rejection, learning experiences; large, colorful illustrations effectively offset bold print

Brown, Marc. THE CLOUD OVER CLARENCE. Unicorn/Dutton, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Pleasantly instructional book about careless, forgetful Clarence; humorous depiction of Clarence and his friends, all cats who act and dress humanly, will attract and delight readers; emphasizes importance of love and support from friends, family; full-page, multi-colored line and wash drawings complement clear, sizeable print

Brown, Palmer. HICKORY. Harper, 1978. 42 p. $7.49. Grades 2-5

Heart-warming tale of Hickory Mouse, his antics, and his friendship with Hop, the grasshopper; Hickory, in this sobering look at mutability, learns that all things must pass away, even his newfound friend; excellent lesson about friendships, growing up, death; dainty, refined illustrations embroider text with color; concluding somber tone may call for adult guidance of child reading this sensitive, detailed story

Burningham, John. WOULD YOU RATHER... Crowell, 1978. unp. $8.49. Grades K-2

Vibrant watercolor illustrations humorously portray a text which poses all sorts of strange choices for children--e.g., "Would you rather...be crushed by a snake/swallowed by a fish/eaten by a crocodile/or sat on by a rhinocerous"; large format, print will attract young reader; excellent for stimulating group discussion

Burton, Marilee Robin. THE ELEPHANT'S NEST: FOUR WORDLESS STORIES. Harper, 1979. unp. $8.79. Grades K-3

Jocular pictures of highly expressive faces on various creatures and absurd situations combine to create four short stories for which reader can use his own words; small size; durable binding repeats dust jacket illustration

Calhoun, Mary. CROSS-COUNTRY CAT. Morrow, 1979. unp. $6.67. Grades K-5

Siamese cat, accidentally left behind after a skiing trip, finds the skis made for him by The Kid and sets off cross-country to find his owner; exquisite, soft illustrations perfectly evoke the atmosphere of a snowy countryside, as the text recounts an amusing tale perfectly believable to cat owners

Carle, Eric. WATCH OUT! A GIANT! Collins Pubs., 1978. unp. $6.91. Grades K-3

Two children find themselves in the land of a giant who promptly captures them and locks them up; they escape through a series of doors, strange openings and eventually end up back at home; fascination of this book lies in the doors which really open--this may prove to be a maintenance problem for librarian; illustrations are in Carle's usual collage format

Carlson, Natalie Savage. TIME FOR THE WHITE EGRET. Scribners, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Uncommon fictional projection of the various implied meanings of Time; curious egret searches for Time, which he thinks will help him find his own cow; this

TIME FOR THE WHITE EGRET. (Cont'd.)

concept may be confusing for children but will certainly prompt questions; sepia-toned illustrations are attractive, not eye-catching; provocative approach to this subject

Carrick, Carol. PAUL'S CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-2

Paul's understanding mother arranges party for his December 24th birthday, and Santa makes a special visit; pleasant, subdued pictures realistically portray home and kindergarten scenes in New England winter setting; surprisingly homogeneous kindergarten class

Carrick, Carol. A RABBIT FOR EASTER. Greenwillow, 1979. unp. $6.67. Grades K-2

Familiar daily experiences of home and school captured in story of young boy caring for class pet bunny at home over Easter vacation; captivating, lifelike illustrations (somewhat spoiled by yellowish faces of people) in total harmony with story, setting, mood; realistic storyline; delightful addition to young child's reading list

Cauley, Lorinda Bryan. THE ANIMAL KIDS. Putnam, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-2

Four neighborhood kids dress up as a cat, rabbit, dog, lion to crash a private animal party; animals know their guests are kids but play along with their antics; surprise ending shows animals disguised as other animals; fascinating, detailed color drawings tell the story; brief one-line-per-page text (with asides by the animals) makes for simple, hilarious reading

Chapman, Carol. IG LIVES IN A CAVE. Dutton, 1979. 56 p. $5.95. Grades 1-3

Five stories in which prehistoric Ig and his family deal with life's verities: sharing, gift-giving, love--even a father can shed a tear; personable illustrations accompany text, appear on cover

Charles, Donald. CALICO CAT MEETS BOOKWORM. Childrens, 1978. 32 p. $4.95. Grades K-2

Appropriate only as an introduction to the library for the youngest of borrowers; large colorful pictures, few words describe the kinds of books to be found; checklist at the end gives pointers for library use

Charles, Donald. SHAGGY DOG'S ANIMAL ALPHABET. Childrens, 1979. $5.50. Grade K

Colorful, humorous animals combine with short, catchy verses in fresh introduction to alphabet; fun to look at or read aloud; bright colorful binding

Children's Television Workshop. THE SESAME STREET BEDTIME STORYBOOK. Random, 1978. 64 p. $5.69. Grades 2-4

Twelve read-aloud stories featuring Cookie Monster and other Sesame Street Muppets; stories and illustrations are filled with excitement and action

Chorao, Kay. MOLLY'S LIES. Seabury, 1979. unp. $7.50. Grades 2-3

Molly's habit of telling lies ceases when she learns on the first day of school that she can tell the truth and gain a friend; attractive, soft pencil sketches; appealing little book to encourage young reader that honesty is best; bearded, guitar-playing male teacher is an unexpected contemporary touch

Christian, Mary Blount. J. J. LEGGETT, SECRET AGENT. Lothrop, 1978. 50 p. $5.71. Grades 2-4

On a boring summer day Joshua Jonathan Leggett decides to become a secret agent; complete with shag carpet beard and schoolbag brief case, "Double J Leggett" entraps

J. J. LEGGETT, SECRET AGENT. (Cont'd.)

potential bank robber; humorous text and illustrations; ideal for reading aloud (Wilkes County)

Christian, Mary Blount. THE LUCKY MAN. MacMillan, 1979. 61 p. $6.95. Grades 1-5

Unlucky Felix draws the wrath of everyone he encounters as he heads for town to see judge about protecting his rights to a rude cottage given him by his brother; perceptive judge reverses Felix's luck--he returns home richer, luckier; light-hearted, easy to read, large print; homeliest of characters delightfully drawn in soft browns and white

Cleveland, David. THE APRIL RABBITS. Coward, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-2

Absurdly humorous counting story to use with young children--especially during April; Robert sees one rabbit on April 1st, and each day after that he sees rabbits according to the number on the calendar; last day of April, he sees not a single rabbit, but that night a hippopotamus follows him home; children will especially enjoy funny line drawings of rabbits in unusual places--e.g., in supermarket, on clothesline, in backyard roasting head of lettuce over campfire; entertainingly instructive

Clifton, Lucille. EVERETT ANDERSON'S NINE MONTH LONG. Holt, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Beautifully soft pencil sketches and poetic text capture warmth and love of family's awaiting the birth of a baby; young Everett Anderson and his new step-father grow closer as they share love and concern for Mama; patience is eventually rewarded by arrival of Baby Evelyn Perry

Cohen, Burton. NELSON MAKES A FACE. Lothrop, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-4

Nelson, who enjoys making faces, meets in the mirror a fairy godmother who allows him to select a face which will be frozen; successively, he tries out a happy, a sad, and an angry face; each brings him new problems; orange-gray illustrations tend to be overcrowded, but print is sharp and clear; suggested for read-aloud (Clinton City)

Cohen, Miriam. LOST IN THE MUSEUM. Greenwillow, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-2

The museum proves to be a fearful place when Jim and a few fellow first graders forget to stay with the group and get lost; in spite of being afraid of the giant dinosaur, Jim shows his bravery as he tells his friends to stay put while he finds their teacher; attractive, realistic illustrations accompany this story which can be enjoyed individually; also perfect for pre-field trip reading

Cole, Brock. THE KING AT THE DOOR. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $8.90. Grades K-3

Charming humor of traditional fairy tales captured in this story of kind-hearted Little Baggit as he innocently accomodates an apparent beggar (despite his Master's scoffing), eventually to be rewarded with an invitation to live at the king's palace; fanciful expressions, humorous refrains will be enjoyed for years to come; black-and-white drawings intermittently enlivened with water colors

Coletta, Irene and Hallie. FROM A TO Z: THE COLLECTED LETTERS OF IRENE AND HALLIE COLETTA. Prentice, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades 1-4

Introduces each letter of the alphabet using rhymed rebuses bordered by pictures of things beginning with that letter; illustrations in ivory, blue, brown, black; unique alphabet book good for sharing (Haywood County)

Coontz, Otto. THE QUIET HOUSE. Little, 1978. 39 p. $5.95. Grades K-3

Bagsley, the hound-dog, lives alone in a house so quiet that even the clock has no tick; one night he hears a tapping at the door; after much trepidation, he opens the door to find a note advertising "eggs for the lonely"; his response to the ad brings joyous results; finely detailed, black-and-white drawings; easy-to-handle size

Coontz, Otto. A REAL CLASS CLOWN. Little, 1979. 41 p. $7.95. Grades K-3

Unlikely, unrealistic story of Rudy, a born clown, and his first days in school; Rudy, appropriately dressed up to his cherry nose, introduces the class and grouchy Miss Skreech to circus members--including Peter, the snake; with subtle help from his mother, Rudy at last helps Miss Skreech yield to joys of laughter

Corbett, Scott. THE MYSTERIOUS ZETABET. Little, 1979. 48 p. $6.95. Grades 3-5

Delightfully unusual story reversing the alphabet; Zachary Zwicker travels through a dream world meeting people and places with names beginning with last letters of the alphabet; all the ingredients to make a good story--exciting plot, humor, nice illustrations; children anticipate numerous questions for Zachary Zwicker

Craft, Ruth, and Irene Haas. CARRIE HEPPLE'S GARDEN. Atheneum, 1979. unp. $9.95. Grades 1-4

Three children lose their ball in eerie Carrie Hepple's yard; they realize they need have no fear when they meet Carrie and get a tour through what turns out to be not a jungle, but a garden of herbs and beautiful flowers; written in an especially pleasing rhyme; illustrations of a summer evening are delightfully enchanting on hazy green pages

Craft, Ruth. THE KING'S COLLECTION. Doubleday, 1978. unp. $7.90. Grades 1-4

Busy, busy book in story, pictures, and ideas; king collects different kinds of everything--stamps, laces, toothbrushes--until the day he has the flu; then he discovers all the quiet sounds he can collect--the sea by shaking his box of shells, a woodpecker by tapping his fingers on the bed, and his happy, sleepy breathing; small, with many pictures, but definitely for reading aloud

Cressey, James. MAX THE MOUSE. Prentice, 1977. unp. $6.95. Grades K-2

Max the Mouse, interloper on the Cat family's quiet evening, intimidates a black cat burglar who comes down the chimney; wild chase ensues, terminated by Max's fall and burglar's escape; characters, scenes are amusingly portrayed in bright, oval-shaped illustrations; large print, few words per page will encourage young readers

Cressey, James. PET PARROT. Prentice, 1977. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Perky green parrot humorously tells his own story; after being taken from his natural habitat, kindly domesticated by Frazer family, he becomes a detective when their home is burglarized; pages framed in bright green contain large print and oval-shaped, colorful illustrations; entertaining text and clean, inviting format will appeal to young readers

Crews, Donald. FREIGHT TRAIN. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-1

Extraordinarily evocative of movement, double-page illustrations follow a train through city and country, day and night in this 1979 Caldecott Honor Book; well-defined colors sharply contrast with grays and white; large letters of few words perfectly complement overall impression of swiftness

Crompton, Anne Eliot. THE LIFTING STONE. Holiday, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Whoever can lift the heavy stone out of the field can marry Wealthy, an excellent cook and homemaker; Mandy Jane, clever but plain, does not want her sister Wealthy to leave home; she knows how to lift the stone, so when handsome Moses Fiske promises he will move in with the family if he wins Wealthy, she reveals her secret; based on a Yankee folk tale; attractively illustrated, well-written text (Caldwell County)

Cunliffe, John. THE KING'S BIRTHDAY CAKE. André Deutsch, 1979. (Available from Dutton.) unp. $5.95. Grades 3-4

Grandmother Gooseberry bakes a beautiful birthday cake and sends it to the king by a passer-by; series of mishaps befall the cake, resulting in Grandmother's being accused of trying to harm the king; eventually all is resolved, and a new cake is baked to be enjoyed by all; small, brightly colored illustrations of doll-like characters; frequent repetition creates bouncy rhythm in text

Dahl, Roald. THE ENORMOUS CROCODILE. Knopf, 1978. unp. $5.99. Grades K-5

Far too wordy for a picture book, jungle animals speaking directly to children by name, unbelievably long day, totally macabre plot--in spite of all these weaknesses, readers will laugh at Enormous Crocodile's abortive attempts to lunch on a "nice juicy little child" and will read on to find out how he meets his final comeupance; Quentin Blake's illustrations maintain the light touch that kids will love

Darling, Kathy. THE EASTER BUNNY'S SECRET. Garrard, 1978. 48 p. $4.30. Grades 1-3

Spring Bunny and her father, Easter Bunny, hide eggs which disappear--because they hatch; easy reading book for beginning reader; slight story will probably hold interest of young child simply because of subject--Easter and Easter bunnies

De Brunhoff, Laurent. BABAR'S MYSTERY. Random, 1978. unp. $4.99. Grades 1-4

Mystery involves Babar and elephant family in seaside adventure; large, bright watercolor illustrations make book ideal for large group or individual pleasure; fine quality of other de Brunhoff books is evident here (Wilkes County)

Delaney, Ned. BERT AND BARNEY. Houghton, 1979. 32 p. $7.95. Grades K-2

Children will enjoy tale of two best friend frogs who have a quarrel that leaves each one lonely; a near drowning almost spoils their happy reconciliation but adds excitement for the reader; excellent for concept development and discussion; brightly colored illustrations; easy, rather long text

Delton, Judy. BRIMHALL COMES TO STAY. Lothrop, 1978. 63 p. $4.76. Grades K-3

Bear was happy to have his cousin Brimhall come to live until he saw the accompanying mothballs, plants, and more plants; good-natured Brimhall is oblivious to Bear's frustration and totally unconcerned at the ultimate disposal of the plants and mothballs, perhaps because he is already steeped in thought about his new hobby--painting, homey illustrations with an extra sturdy cover

Delton, Judy. BRIMHALL TURNS TO MAGIC. Lothrop, 1979. 64 p. $5.71. Grades K-3

Bear's cousin Brimhall has a new hobby--magic; after the second lesson, he produces a rabbit from his hat, but neither Bear nor Brimhall succeeds in helping poor Roger (the rabbit) disappear again; after days of trying, between fishing trips, shopping excursions, tap dancing, Raccoon and Porcupine provide a happy solution, freeing Brimhall to take dancing lessons; more of these Bear and Brimhall stories, with their basic vocabulary, gentle humor and amusing illustrations, would be welcomed

Delton, Judy. IT HAPPENED ON THURSDAY. Whitman, 1978. unp. $3.38. Grades K-3

James, believing that Thursdays bring him good luck, is disappointed when his hospitalized mother is not well by Thursday; positive family life pictured in black-and-white illustrations tinted with green; large print makes this book manageable for independent reading

Delton, Judy. THE NEW GIRL AT SCHOOL. Dutton, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Marcia has to go to a new school when her mother gets a new job (note the single working mother); any transplanted child will empathize with Marcia's plight--sitting alone on the school bus, not knowing location of rest room; her adjustment, though, is swift--in keeping with a short book; Lillian Hoban's familiar, charming characters are shown in somewhat drab, but pleasant black, blue, and white illustrations

Delton, Judy. ON A PICNIC. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $5.90. Grades K-3

Gorilla cannot swim like Goose, who cannot climb a tree like Gorilla; each is keenly disturbed about his own imperfections until Dr. Lion wisely councils them; obvious moral handled with a light touch; cheerful illustrations subtly reflect moods of this easy-to-read tale

De Paola, Tomie. SONGS OF THE FOG MAIDEN. Holiday, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-3

Songs about dawn, daytime, evening linked with brief expository lines; verses are not great poetry, should be skillfully read aloud for maximum appreciation; softly colored, detailed, imaginative illustrations continue mood of earlier WHEN EVERYONE WAS FAST ASLEEP

DeRegniers, Beatrice Schenk. LAURA'S STORY. Atheneum, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Laura tells her mother a story about a time long ago when Mother was so small she fit into Laura's pocket; Mother falls out of the pocket and is swallowed by a fish, who is swallowed by a dog; Mother manages to escape in time to tuck Laura into bed; bright, uncluttered illustrations extend the text of this easy-to-read, happy fantasy

Dr. Seuss. I CAN READ WITH MY EYES SHUT! Random, 1978. unp. $4.39. Grades K-2

Cat in the Hat instructs young cat on the many things to learn by reading and suggests that it is best to keep your eyes "wide open...at least on one side"; Dr. Seuss maintains the high quality of his rhyming text and uniquely expressive, colorful illustrations

Duncan, Jane. JANET REACHFAR AND CHICKABIRD. Seabury, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Because of an accident for which she is responsible, Janet must nurse a chicken with a broken leg back to health; the chicken, secretly kept on the moors, disappears for a few weeks and returns at Easter with a new family of half-wild pheasant chicks; unusual watercolors reflect misty atmosphere of Scottish Highlands

Dunn, Judy. THE LITTLE GOAT. Random, 1978. unp. $3.99. $.95 paper. Grades K-3

Expressive color photographs provide a record of Andy's summer and fall with his own baby goat; Andy is an appealing child, and the goat's antics and fondness for him will convince anyone that a goat is the perfect pet; photographs, alone, tell story for those not yet ready to read independently (A Random House Pictureback book)

Farber, Norma. THERE GOES FEATHERTOP! Unicorn/Dutton, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-4

Pen-and-ink etchings, tiny silhouettes illustrate this unique version of Hawthorne's tale about a scarecrow given life by his maker, Mother Rigby; in threadbare velvets

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and satins, he becomes a social success until he glimpses himself in a mirror and sees who he really is; he then returns to Mother Rigby with a plea to be allowed to stand peacefully in a cornfield

Feder, Jane. BEANY. Pantheon, 1979. unp. $4.99. Grades K-3

Any child (or adult) who has ever been owned by a cat will feel instant empathy with Jonathan and Beany; Beany is all that any human cat is: tolerant, playful, cuddly, demanding, loyal; story is straightforward and honest; watercolor illustrations perfectly capture total body expressions of a cat and full, busy life of a little boy; sturdy, illustrated cover will withstand the constant handling this book will have

Feder, Paula Kurzband. WHERE DOES THE TEACHER LIVE? Dutton, 1979. 48 p. $5.95. Grades 1-3

Three second graders decide that their teacher really lives in a house of her own, even though Nancy is convinced that "all teachers live in school"; after a few days of confusing detective work, they ask her--with surprisingly happy results; only the reader gets to follow her to her houseboat; colorful drawings of real New York City scenes are balanced by text easily read by second graders; dust jacket illustrations reproduced on hard cover

Fender, Kay. ODETTE! A BIRD IN PARIS. Prentice, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-6

Tale of a tiny bird (Odette) and her friend (a kind old accordian player) is beautiful and sad, without a touch of sentimentality; together they make music for the crowds in the Paris Metro until time for Odette to fly south; exquisite watercolor illustrations sensitively reflect seasons and moods

Firmin, Peter. BASIL BRUSH FINDS TREASURE. Prentice, 1979. 48 p. $5.95. Grades K-4

Basil Brush, the fox, and Harry the Mole spend their holidays at Basil's cottage by the sea; on an adventure they find several lost, useful treasures: tunnel, Basil's lost boat, Harry's lost teddy bear; black-and-white, green tinted illustrations depict amiable characters, their warm relationship; clear print; text includes brief passages of dialogue

Firmin, Peter. BASIL BRUSH GETS A MEDAL. Prentice, 1978. 48 p. $5.95. Grades K-3

It is the day when Basil Brush is to receive a medal from the Queen; however, she awards no medals before breakfast, which she has not had because the farmer has not brought the fresh milk, because the cows have not returned from the meadow, because...; in this latest Basil episode, Harry the Mole is real hero; concepts of cause and effect, generosity can easily be introduced with this delightful little easy-to-read book

Fleischman, Sid. THE HEY HEY MAN. Little, 1979. 32 p. $7.95. Grades 2-5

Funny pictures, funny story, priceless facial expressions as the tree imp (the Hey Hey Man) thwarts the attempts of a thief (he fancies himself a handsome fellow) to steal the farmer's gold; fun for reading aloud or silently

Fleishman, Paul. THE BIRTHDAY TREE. Harper, 1979. unp. $6.89. Grades 1-3

Planted at Jack's birth, an apple tree reflects his life and health; by observing the tree, his parents keep track of Jack's whereabouts after he has run away to sea until he safely returns home; strange, charming story perfectly complemented by cream and black pencil drawings; sturdy cover repeats dust jacket (Clinton City)

Fradin, Dennis B. BAD LUCK TONY. Prentice, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades 3-5

Tony, his grandfather, and a homeless pregnant dog each gain in this sentimental, but realistic story; moral that what we do does affect others may be more obvious to adults than children, but children will enjoy suspense; characterizations are weak, but the few black-and-white illustrations sensitively reflect Tony's emotions

Fradin, Dennis Brindell. BEYOND THE MOUNTAIN, BEYOND THE FOREST. Childrens, 1979. 45 p. $5.95. Grades 2-5

Ten-year-old Tor is certain that his Ice Age family can find warmth and food; challenging traditional superstitions by daring to explore beyond Nature's boundaries, he finally convinces the people of his cave that hope for survival lies in the land beyond the forest; dream-like, spare illustrations evoke feeling of endless space

French, Fiona. HUNT THE THIMBLE. Oxford U. Pr., 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-3

Observant readers will find thimble hidden by innocent-looking Edo long before Pieter and Anna complete their search; scenes, clothing, artistic style all convey mood of 17th-century Amsterdam in the dominating double-page illustrations; story has just enough plot to sustain frequent re-readings

Friedman, Judi. NOISES IN THE WOODS. Dutton, 1979. 40 p. $5.95. Grades K-2

Ideal for science or nature study; instructs children in ways to observe creatures in the woods: sit still, move only when the animal moves, other directions; muted brown and white, natural looking illustrations of animals and birds in woodland settings

Gackenbach, Dick. CRACKLE GLUCK AND THE SLEEPING TOAD. Seabury, 1979. unp $7.95. Grades 2-4

Far-fetched little story of the Gluck family and their reliance on a sleeping toad to bring them good luck; only after small suspicious daughter, Crackle, puts an end to nonsense of good luck charms do Glucks realize hard work is the ingredient for prosperity; amusing three-color illustrations; heavy-handed moral

Gackenbach, Dick. PEPPER AND ALL THE LEGS. Seabury, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-2

Pepper, a dachshund, can rarely see anything face-to-face, except for the animals who are shorter than he; he sees legs all day--chair legs, table legs, and legs that feed him, play with him, then hug him good-night and disappear upstairs; curious to see what is up there, he hides in a clothesbasket and goes upstairs where he finds new things to explore, one of which is a bathtub; when he turns on the faucets and is almost drowned, he is put in the dark outside garage for the night--with no legs in sight; amusing story, large print, pictures in gray, brown, black, white (Caldwell County)

Gaeddert, Lou Ann. GUSTAV THE GOURMET GIANT. Dial, 1976. unp. $6.46. $2.25 paper. Grades K-3

Described on Fall 1978 Easy Books Advisory List

Gantos, Jack, and Nicole Rubel. THE PERFECT PAL. Houghton, 1979. 30 p. $7.95. Grades K-3

Vanessa's longing for a pal results in her purchasing several unsatisfactory pets--unmannerly pig, sleepy sloth, insulting parrot, pinching crab; ironically, she finally finds "the perfect pal" in Wendell, the pet store clerk; simple, brightly colored illustrations vividly depict this well-sequenced, fast-paced, humorously didactic story

Garrison, Christian. THE DREAM EATER. Bradbury, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-2

Japanese folk-like tale about a little boy who rescues a baku, devourer of bad dreams; as a result, he and his village are able to dream peacefully again; double-page spread of full-color illustrations inspired by antique Japanese scrolls

Godden, Rumer. A KINDLE OF KITTENS. Viking, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-5

Since this story has its setting in England, there are some terms that may need explaining to American children (ridgepole, dustbin); she-cat lives all over town but is determined that each of her kittens will have the most suitable home; young children who cannot read this book will enjoy hearing the story and studying expressive, detailed beautifully colored pictures

Goffstein, M. B. FAMILY SCRAPBOOK. Farrar, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades 2-5

Deceptively simple little book which records ordinary events in life of four-member family; autobiographical, free verse vignettes, such as "The Night We Got a Pickup Truck," "My Birthday," "New Year's Eve," "Yom Kippur," reveal a young girl's perceptive awareness and appreciation of her family's loving relationship; small line drawings of characters accompany tender portrayals; text and subtlety of meaning may require reading aloud and discussing with younger readers

Goffstein, M. B. MY NOAH'S ARK. Harper, 1978. unp. $6.49. Grades K-3

Not a retelling of the Biblical story, but of a 90-year-old grandmother's recollections; when she was a little girl, her father had carved the ark and its occupants for her; when she married, her husband had gently carried the ark to their new home; as a mother she had shared it with her children; all are now gone--only the ark remains with its memories of "fun and sorrow"; delicate, simple line drawings, scant text invite readers to share her memories

Goffstein, M. B. NATURAL HISTORY. Farrar, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades 1-3

Poignant message about loving one another, living in harmony spills beautifully, simply across each page; message conveyed by few lines per page, but message is great; small 2½" x 3½" watercolor illustrations

Gordon, Shirley. GRANDMA ZOO. Harper, 1978. 32 p. $7.49. Grades K-3

Refreshing grandmother-grandson relationship, which has been nurtured for several years over the telephone; grandmother's different animal sounds have delighted and entertained grandson, but years have erased his visual memory of her; when she comes to visit, personal ties are reinforced; brightly colored illustration depict happy faces, exciting fantasies; exorbitant price necessitates second-purchase recommendation

Graham, Margaret Bloy. BENJY'S BOAT TRIP. Harper, 1977. unp. $6.11. Grades K-3

When Benjy, lovable brown dog, is not allowed to go on the family's vacation cruise, he stows away on a ship--the wrong ship; Ginger, the ship's cat, does not appreciate a dog on board until Benjy helps rescue her from top of mast; they become friends, and Benjy enjoys the rest of his trip; appealing illustrations in blue and tan add to enjoyment of this read-aloud story

Green, Marion. THE MAGICIAN WHO LIVED ON THE MOUNTAIN. Childrens, 1978. 32 p. $4.95. Grades K-2

Bored magician paints the world to suit his fancy--blue grass, yellow clouds, orange birds; two other magicians set things right and plan to prevent their friend from feeling bored again; softly colored, detailed pictures accompany text; pointed message about value of keeping busy

Greenfield, Eloise. AFRICA DREAM. Crowell, 1977. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Through shadowy charcoal drawings, author takes the reader across time and space to long-ago Africa; in her dream, a small black girl sees animals, shops, ancestors with faces like her mother and father; strong sense of cultural, historical identification with Africa in this tenderly artistic book with large, simple print

Greenwood, Ann. A PACK OF DREAMS. Prentice, 1978. 32 p. $6.95. Grades K-3

Beautiful children sensitively drawn in imaginative situations with group of animals (muster of peacocks, pod of seals); text is negligible, and double-page illustrations are bound in the middle; dreamy quality of lovely sepia pictures will invite frequent re-readings; illustrators Colonna and Gordon have uncannily created ethnically unidentifiable children

Gross, Alan. SOMETIMES I WORRY... Childrens, 1978. 31 p. $4.95. Grades K-2

Depicts little boy's logical worries and some that seem far-fetched; value of sharing problems taught weakly; story might better have been based on one central theme--either all examples of realistic situations for effective values lesson or all inconceivable illustrations for humorous entertainment; adequate, color illustrations; large, well-spaced, dark print; appealing, durable cover (Clinton City)

Hale, Irina. CHOCOLATE MOUSE AND SUGAR PIG AND HOW THEY RAN AWAY TO ESCAPE BEING EATEN. Atheneum, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-2

Peculiar, but intriguing story about the adventures of two candied animals--their escape from dangers, their journey to a safe home; combines humor and excitement in imaginative setting; blurred pastel illustrations, the strength of book, are appropriate to occasionally stilted style of text; enchanting to all who love "sweets"

Hall, Carol. NORTHERN J. CALLOWAY PRESENTS SUPER-VROOMER! Doubleday, 1978. unp. $6.90. Grades 2-6

Jesse, Tommy, and Sarajane build a racer guaranteed to win the big race; unfortunately, lack of brakes and helmet disqualify them, but Jesse proves that winning is more than receiving the medal; large, colorful illustrations are attractive and energetic; text is colloquial "Black English"

Hall, Nancy. THE BIG ENOUGH HELPER. Golden Pr., 1978. unp. $2.97. Grades K-3

Mother insists Suzy is too young to help with the wash but admits she was wrong when Suzy is commended for her assistance by an amiable man at the laundromat; will evoke self-confidence in young children who feel left out; color illustrations picture adorable Suzy, realistic setting and characters; racially representative group in laundromat

Hamilton, Morse and Emily. MY NAME IS EMILY. Greenwillow, 1979. unp. $6.67. Grades K-2

Unique little story unfolded in simple, amusing manner; questions and answers between Emily and her father reveal familiar tale of a little girl's running away because of feeling unloved when a new baby comes into the house; old-fashioned, meticulous illustrations in shades of apricot and green elucidate text which is in bold, readable type; format, children's empathy with Emily make for agreeable reading

Hann, Jacquie. CRYBABY. Four Winds, 1979. unp. $4.95. Grades K-2

Empathetic treatment of child who, when he is scolded, cries and cannot stop, no matter what mother, father, and brother do; scant text at top of each page, offset

CRYBABY. (Cont'd.)

by demonstrative gray and pink illustrations of characters, simply tells story; appropriate size, bold print, subject matter children can identify with will attract and interest readers; useful device for encouraging response, discussion about feelings

Hannon, Ruth, retel. CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT. Golden Pr., 1978. 45 p. $3.95. Grades 3-6

Favorite Old Testament stories related in unsophisticated prose style suitable for children; charming, typical Golden book color illustrations illuminate text of such stories as "Noah's Ark," The Ten Commandments," "David and Goliath"; decorated cover, large print, numerous drawings will attract readers

Hautzig, Deborah. THE HANDSOMEST FATHER. Greenwillow, 1979. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 1-3

In anticipation of Fathers' Visiting Day, Marsha suffers typical apprehension about what other people will think of her father; as the day wears on, her concern fades into pleasure at his presence; soft watercolor illustrations add to warm father-daughter scenario

Hawkins, Mark. A LION UNDER HER BED. Holt, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-1

No one believes Molly when she says that there is a baby lion under her bed, until her grandmother gets licked when leaning over her; inevitably, the cub has been lost from the zoo, and Molly is suitably rewarded; most appropriate for read-aloud situations because text is wordy; gray, white, and yellow illustrations are disappointingly flat

Herz, Irene. HEY, DON'T DO THAT! Prentice, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-1

Strictly make-believe playground scenes in which elephant, python, hippo, and goats take over equipment, leaving Scott and his sister nothing to play on; frustrated pair return home to their own cuddly pets; warm, clear, full-page illustrations are full of amusing details

Hickman, Martha Whitmore. MY FRIEND WILLIAM MOVED AWAY. Abingdon, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Typical plot of best friend's moving away and leaving sad playmate behind; however, instead of the usual ending with a new friend's moving in, Jimmy discovers a friend that was there all the time; even more unusual, the friend is a girl; affectionately related story intensified by sensitive characterizations and soft, color illustrations which overspread the pages

Hiller, Catherine. ARGENTAYBEE AND THE BOONIE. Coward, 1979. unp. $7.50. Grades K-4

Lovable Emily, perfect little kitty, plays with her imaginary friends, Argentaybee and Boonie, who often question Mother and get into mischief; when Emily starts school and becomes friends with prankish November, Argentaybee and Boonie run off to Paris; lively illustrations in shades of pink and gray vivify action; excellent visual representation of child's two-sided personality may elicit valuable discussion, response

Hirsh, Marilyn. DEBORAH THE DYBBUK: A GHOST STORY. Holiday, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades 2-5

Mischievous, energetic Deborah falls in a well and drowns; her spirit enters obedient Hannah, suddenly reversing this quiet girl's behavior; astonished villagers summon famous Rabbi, who exorcises the dybbuk when the birds Deborah has befriended convince him that she is worthy of joining the angels; gentle tale enlivened by busy, happy illustrations of an East European village (ASU)

Hirsh, Marilyn, adapt. ONE LITTLE GOAT: A PASSOVER SONG. Holiday, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-6

Book relays enactment of song sung during Passover season; historical song concerns "the fire that burned the stick, that beat the dog, that bit the cat, that ate the goat" bought by the father "for two zuzim"; symbolic relatedness to Jewish history may not be understood by young, but illustrations, constant repetition, will be enjoyed; includes music to song for children to sing along, brief explanation of Passover; for casual reading, ethnic enrichment

Hoban, Lillian. ARTHUR'S PRIZE READER. Harper, 1978. 64 p. $5.79. Grades K-2

First-grader Violet proves to her bigger brother that she can read even big words--with his encouragement; should be an incentive to beginning readers; Hoban has included colorful illustrations of chimp brother and sister on almost every page

Hoban, Tana. ONE LITTLE KITTEN. Greenwillow, 1979. unp. $6.67. Grades K-2

Superb black-and-white photographs dominate this thin book featuring cute, cuddly kitty who spends his day exploring; large print, with few words per page, tells brief story in elementary rhyme--e.g., "a funny place/to put my face"; inviting book for cat lovers, but price necessitates second-purchase recommendation

Hodgetts, Blake Christopher. DREAM OF THE DINOSAURS. Doubleday, 1978. unp. $7.90. Grades 3-5

Exciting introduction to dinosaurs written in tall tale, picture-book fashion by elementary boy whose source is dream he had at age of seven; accurate portrayal of dinosaurs in over-sized, gray pencil drawings; appendix includes identification, proper pronunciation of pictured dinosaurs; while not aesthetically pleasing, pages are sure to attract readers interested in dinosaurs

Hoff, Syd. SLUGGER SAL'S SLUMP. Windmill/Dutton, 1979. 48 p. $6.95. Grades K-4

Black-and-white cartoon-like drawings picture baseball player, Slugger Sal, in a slump; when he changes his attitude, begins to think of team, Sal breaks his slump; blatant, encouraging message for team participants; large, readable print

Holmes, Efner Tudor. CARRIE'S GIFT. Collins Pubs., 1978. unp. $6.49. Grades 2-5

Tender story of how Carrie, curious young girl, wins friendship of Duncan, mysterious old man living alone in the forest; injury of Carrie's dog, Heidi, unites the two characters; muted watercolor illustrations will appeal to nature, animal lovers; also suitable for reading aloud

Horvath, Betty. JASPER AND THE HERO BUSINESS. Watts, 1977. unp. $4.90. Grades 1-3

Jasper, young black boy who is anxious to become a hero, discovers that it is the everyday things people do and the attitude of others that create heroes; attractively bold illustrations, large print, eye-catching cover will entice readers

Hutton, Warwick, retel. NOAH AND THE GREAT FLOOD. Atheneum, 1977. unp. $7.95. Grades 2-4

Tale of Noah and the flood which closely parallels account found in King James version of Bible; style reflects that of the Bible in a simplified version: "the fountains of the great deep were released"; story evokes somber tone, but full-page to two-page watercolor illustrations justify book in spite of melancholy air

Hughes, Shirley. DAVID AND DOG. Prentice, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-2

Youngsters will immediately empathize with David's feelings about the loss of Dog, his favorite toy friend; colorful illustrations showing real people in close relationships lead the reader through David's sorrowful time until Dog is recovered in a perfect, happy ending

Hurd, Thacher. THE QUIET EVENING. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $5.71. Grades K-3

Slight little book filled with quiet scenes and gentle thoughts to lull little ones (and even adults) into relaxed mood; descriptions move from scenes in a home, where the family prepares for bedtime, to rustling trees, flowing river, quiet ocean that has "wrapped its arms around its fish" and on to "the earth...turning silently in the starry night"; sure bet to mesmerize preschoolers who have to nap after lunch; peaceful full-page and double-page watercolor illustrations in serene, muted tones

Hutchins, Pat. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SAM. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-2

Sympathetic treatment of Sam--child who is unable to reach his light switch, his clothes, the sink until his grandfather gives him a little chair for his birthday; clear, distinct print juxtaposes bright, detailed full-page illustrations; desirable emphasis on child's potential for ingenuity

Ichikawa, Satomi. Translated from the French by Denise Sheldon. SUZANNE AND NICHOLAS AT THE MARKET. Watts, 1977. 30 p. $6.90. Grades K-5

Straightforward story of market trip by Nicholas and Suzanne; at each open-air stall Nicholas or the seller briefly explains origin of item being sold; outstanding feature of this read-aloud is the quality of illustrations of French children and French countryside; projects contentment and peace in the same mood as Kate Greenaway

Ichikawa, Satomi. Translated from the French by Denise Sheldon. SUZANNE AND NICHOLAS IN THE GARDEN. Watts, 1977. 30 p. $6.90. Grades K-5

Reader is introduced to Suzanne, Nicholas, and their family, who live in a cottage surrounded by country gardens; quaint illustrations reminiscent of Kate Greenaway fill pages and surround text of Nicholas' painfully pedantic discourses on the French countryside

Isadora, Rachel. THE POTTERS' KITCHEN. Greenwillow, 1977. unp. $5.21. Grades K-2

The Potters are a happy country family depicted in warm, busy kitchen; when father takes a job in the city, children are apprehensive about the new apartment home; after moving, making a few new friends, turning the kitchen into a family activity center, the children feel at home in new surroundings; good story to ease the pain of "transit" first graders; very easy reading; nicely illustrated in black, white, yellow (Wilkes County)

Iverson, Genie. I WANT TO BE BIG. Unicorn/Dutton, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-2

Understanding, sensitive account of child's longing to be big enough to do things she likes, but not for things she does not like--"Big enough to know I have room for another ice-cream cone/but not big enough to have room for even one helping of peas"; expressive pen-and-ink sketches clearly illustrate each idea; satisfying reading for all--in a group

Jameson, Cynthia. THE HOUSE OF FIVE BEARS. Putnam, 1978. 47 p. $5.29. Grades 1-3

Adapted from an old Russian folk tale about an old couple whose house is buried in a snow storm; mysterious tunnel leads to house belonging to five bears; soft-colored pencil drawings, true to story's Russian origins, illustrate series of events which cause bears to abandon house to resourceful couple; easy-to-read vocabulary

Janice. MR. AND MRS. BUTTON'S WONDERFUL WATCHDOGS. Lothrop, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-3

Three household pets and four watchdogs are all loving and affectionate toward any visitor; when a real thief arrives, he is routed by seven happy, bounding animals; though story is not outstanding, Roger Duvoisin's illustrations--particularly of the hapless burglar--are lively and appealing

Jensen, Virginia Allen, and Dorcas Woodbury Haller. WHAT'S THAT? Collins Pubs., 1978. 23 p. $9.95 paper. Grades K-3

Bright yellow, ring-bound book, designed specifically for blind children, presents different sizes, shapes, textures through personified characters: Little Rough and family, Little Shaggy and family, Little Spot, Little Stripe, Little Smooth; while blind children can listen to story and feel the pictures and brailled page numbers, sighted and partially sighted children can visually enjoy large print and pictures; blind children could not handle this book alone but would not have to be left out of picture book appreciation; highly commended by UNICEF

Jeschke, Susan. ANGELA AND BEAR. Holt, 1979. unp. $7.50. Grades K-4

At secret places where he will not frighten people, the bear in Angela's drawing comes out to play with her; during the rainy spring she introduces him to the zoo's bear, Lola, and love blooms; Angela's attempts to reclaim her bear results in such great unhappiness all around that she eventually lets him go; large, expressive pencil sketches accompany simple text

Johnson, John E. MY FIRST BOOK OF THINGS. Random, 1979. unp. $2.50. Grades K-1

Brightly colored illustrations labeled with single words--e.g., bed, grapes, wagon; 50 items on thick cardboard pages in small book

Johnston, Tony. FOUR SCARY STORIES. Putnam, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Three little creatures, frightened by boys, sit at night seeing who can tell the scariest "boy story"; after storytime is over, the imp, goblin, scalawag discover a boy eavesdropping, but their fears dissolve as he tells his story; imaginative tales keep reader enthralled; colorful in paint and prose; ideal for Halloween

Johnston, Tony. LITTLE MOUSE NIBBLING. Putnam, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Simple Christmas story conveying delicate beginnings of friendship between a shy mouse and a tuneful cricket, and mouse's first tentative meeting with other woodland creatures; soft-toned, whimsical drawings add to tenderness of story

Kahl, Virginia. WHOSE CAT IS THAT? Scribners, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Unusually amusing tale of adventures of one little white cat adopted by seven village families; sequence of events, chantable rhythmic repetition of cat's seven names make this perfect for reading aloud; in her unique fashion Kahl manages with few details to create delightfully expressive characters

Keller, Beverly. PIMM'S PLACE. Coward, 1978. 64 p. $5.49. Grades K-4

Any child who has ever suffered from secret fears will empathize with Bradley Pimm's constant apprehension about sharks in the bathtub, sand in the potato salad, snakes under logs, noisy cousins; his fears surface at a family reunion, but cousins learn to share his "quiet places," and he learns to take risks; fairly long story but totally amusing in both text and illustrations; good for quiet reading alone or sharing

Kelley, True, and Steven Lindblom. THE MOUSES' TERRIBLE CHRISTMAS. Lothrop, 1978. 63 p. $4.76. Grades 1-3

Difficulty selecting a tree, a broken chimney, a fire in the cardboard replacement, Santa's falling through subsequent hole, a blizzard following Santa's visit are just some of the troubles the Mouse family has during an apparently typical holiday season; expressive, three-color pictures humorously reflect easy-to-read, fast-paced action

Kellogg, Steven. MUCH BIGGER THAN MARTIN. Dial, 1976. unp $5.47. $1.95 paper. Grades K-3

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Kellogg, Steven. THE MYSTERY OF THE MAGIC GREEN BALL. Dial, 1978. unp. $4.58. Grades K-3

Children will like this beguiling story of Timmy, who loses his personalized green ball; he and his friend, Peggy, search for it all year in Fall leaves, Winter snow, Spring; surprise ending will amuse and please young readers, who will also delight in quaint pen-and-ink illustrations tinted with green that reflect fast-paced action of text; small, thin book has durable binding, eye-catching cover

Kennedy, Richard. THE LEPRECHAUN'S STORY. Unicorn/Dutton, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-2

This Irish fairy tale with humor and phrasing of the Irish contains enough trickery and mystery to hold attention of all readers; especially detailed illustrations almost tell the story without words; good story to introduce customs and speech of other countries

Kent, Jack. FLOYD, THE TINIEST ELEPHANT. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $7.90. Grades K-3

Floyd is such a tiny elephant (the size of a mouse) that none of the circus animals or people ever notice him; Floyd runs away from the circus and luckily is discovered by a group of mice; when Floyd helps to save them from a cat gang, he finally gets all the attention he wants and is invited to live with the mice; simple, yellow, black-and-red illustrations make this an appealing story for young children

Kent, Jack. SOCKS FOR SUPPER. Parents, 1978. unp. $3.99. Grades K-2

Poor old man and his wife trade socks for milk and cheese; these socks are made from little old man's sweater; at last the sweater has yarn left for only one sock, but a bargain is made for it too because farmer's wife is making her husband a sweater from the socks; sweater, too big for the husband, becomes gift to the little old man, "and it is just the right size"; cartoon-type pictures are simple, bright, humorous; text is well-written for beginning readers; good addition to easy shelves (Caldwell County)

Kent, Jack. SUPERMARKET MAGIC. Random, 1978. unp. $2.95 paper. Grades K-2

Simple-minded plot, colorful cartoon-like pictures, eight realistic scratch-and-sniff supermarket smells; small size with cardboard pages, spiral binding

Kimmel, Eric. WHY WORRY? Pantheon, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Good news (grasshopper), bad news (cricket) plot scheme has cricket and grasshopper first caught by a crow and then, through a series of misadventures, dropped from a kite back to their own tree; flat text never quite matches beauty of pastel watercolor illustrations; one-page song about smiling has piano or guitar accompaniment

Kingsley, Emily Perl. THE EXCITING ADVENTURES OF SUPER-GROVER. Golden Pr., 1978. 48 p. $4.95. Grades K-3

Collection of adventure stories about Sesame Street character, Super-Grover; easy-to-read material in cartoon and comic strip style; overcrowded illustrations use variety of color; not appropriate for beginning readers as suggested by author; best suited for second and third graders; could be used as book of read-aloud stories for K-1 (Clinton City)

Kirk, Barbara. GRANDPA, ME AND OUR HOUSE IN THE TREE. Macmillan, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades 1-4

Black-and-white photographic essay, accompanied by little boy's brief text, pictures warm relationship of boy and his grandfather; kind of fun they have together must now change because of grandfather's illness, but child admirably copes with reality; loving concern of all characters appears in sharp photographs, well-integrated text; valuable treatment of youth and age, change; pictures of tree house, telephone made of tin cans will fascinate readers

Klein, Norma. VISITING PAMELA. Dial, 1979. unp. $6.46. Grades 1-3

Warm, realistic story of little girl who is scared to go visiting her friends in a strange house with strange toys; when Mom insists, Carrie finds her experience at Pamela's to be new, exciting fun; few candid remarks of when "Mommie gets fat and babies come out" or of Pamela's old dog, "If she throws up, she eats it!"; young children can identify with leaving Mother and home for first visit; easy vocabulary, large black-and-white pencil drawings

Knotts, Howard. THE LOST CHRISTMAS. Harcourt, 1978. unp. $4.95. Grades 1-3

Luke, becoming very sick on Christmas Day, must give up playing with his train and be put to bed; he soon drifts off into sleep and begins a fantastic journey; after flying through the air past forests, castles, mountains, he comes to a familiar looking train and caboose which take him back to his bed and home again; easy reader with shaded pen-and-ink illustrations; not a real Christmas story, but a fanciful experience

Krahn, Fernando. THE BIGGEST CHRISTMAS TREE ON EARTH. Little, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-1

Purely pictorial little book imaginatively portrays little girl's magically helping forest animals and insects decorate their gigantic Christmas tree; story ends with girl and her townspeople sitting on a hillside admiring the mystically beautiful tree; graphic line drawings, tinted with shades of orange, warmly portray enchanting scenes

Krahn, Fernando. THE GREAT APE: BEING THE TRUE VERSION OF THE FAMOUS SAGA OF ADVENTURE AND FRIENDSHIP NEWLY DISCOVERED. Viking, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-3

In a series of wordless black-and-white pictures, descendant of King Kong rescues little girl as she falls from cliff; in near slapstick fashion, movie crew rescues her, causing sadness for both; photograph of little girl (impossibly standing on board a ship in front of Empire State Building) is special delivered to ape; perfect for just plain fun; bare-chested native women are generously, but inoffensively shown cheering a turtle race

Krahn, Fernando. ROBOT-BOT-BOT. Dutton, 1979. unp. $5.95. Grades K-2

Lively black-and-white pictures in wordless book portray story of robot brought home by the father to his wife and daughter; after daughter investigates its inner workings, the robot destroys the living room and runs through the picture window; story ends happily after the father rewires the robot; entertaining, expressive cartoons; second-purchase recommendation

Krasilovsky, Phyllis. THE MAN WHO TRIED TO SAVE TIME. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $5.90. Grades K-2

Somewhat didactic story of one man's decision to increase his leisure time by compressing his regular chores through such measures as eating breakfast at night, sleeping in his clothes, buying 30 bottles of milk at one time--with the expected results; expressive illustrations and easy-to-read vocabulary

Kraus, Robert. I, MOUSE. Windmill/Dutton, 1978. 32 p. $1.50 paper. Grades K-2

Will produce chuckles from the first page as Mouse tries to make himself acceptable to the family with which he lives--he succeeds admirably; simple vocabulary, amusing black-and-white illustrations may necessitate frequent re-purchase of this delightful little paperback

Kraus, Robert. SPRINGFELLOW. Windmill/Dutton, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Large, thin book pictures Springfellow, colt who wants to run and play with yearlings, but he is too unsteady and inexperienced; perseverance and maturity pay off as he finally accomplishes his goal; shaded gray illustrations sensitively portray Springfellow, his parents, yearlings; clear print, format sure to attract young animal lovers

Kroll, Steven. FAT MAGIC. Holiday, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

When Prince Timothy is not eating, he is dreaming about food--butterscotch pudding, chocolate eclairs, and the like; this preoccupation leads to a run-in with Edgar, the court magician, who casts a fat spell on Timothy; after a series of misadventures, he accidentally discovers Edgar's magic source and gleefully turns it to his own advantage; amusing story and illustrations give a light touch to "fat"

Kwitz, Mary DeBall. RABBITS' SEARCH FOR A LITTLE HOUSE. Crown, 1977. 32 p. $6.95. Grades K-2

Mother Rabbit and Little Rabbit set out to find a home as winter approaches, but Toad, Mole, Shrew refuse to rent to them; finally Mother Rabbit and Little Rabbit build a home in a hollow oak stump; book gives subtle treatment to discrimination (signs are changed as the rabbits apply, shrew says she does not rent to rabbits); beautifully detailed line and watercolor illustrations add to delightful rabbit story

Lantz, Walter. WOODY WOODPECKER: THE PIRATE TREASURE. Golden Pr., 1977. unp. $3.95. Grades 2-4

Basically a large size, hard-cover Woody Woodpecker comic book with straight printed text rather than balloons

Lasky, Kathryn. MY ISLAND GRANDMA. Warne, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Abbey's tender narrative about her and Grandma's simple summer activities on an island off coast of Maine; gently pictures their easy, loving relationship as they swim in sea, pick blueberries, view nighttime summer sky, sail and tell cloud stories, make moss gardens and moon cookies; story flows easily into beautifully descriptive passages; ink and wash illustrations in soft pastel shades; delightful read-aloud (Haywood County)

Lear, Edward. THE OWL AND THE PUSSY-CAT AND OTHER NONSENSE. Viking, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-6

Intricate, elaborate, colorful illustrations of this classic verse and eight limericks; multiplicity of detail will keep a child happily occupied identifying specific and whimsical items--even the runcible spoon; bright dust jacket illustration repeated on binding

Leech, Jay, and Zane Spencer. BRIGHT FAWN AND ME. Crowell, 1979. unp. $6.89. Grades K-3

First person narration of Cheyenne girl who thinks her younger sister is a pest but resents anyone else's saying so; various warm shades of brown are suggestive of Indian life on the plains; short sentences, simple vocabulary result in clipped style manageable for young readers (Haywood County)

Leithauser, Gladys, and Lois Breitmeyer. THE RABBIT IS NEXT. Golden Pr., 1978. unp. $4.57. Grades 2-4

Engaging account of Jenny's visit to animal hospital to get her rabbit repaired; in the waiting room Jenny watches antics of dogs, a cat, turtle, hamster, monkey; representative group includes old people, children, minorities, and female veterinarian; multi-colored illustrations portray pleasant characters, attitudes

Lesikin, Joan. DOWN THE ROAD. Prentice, 1978. 32 p. $5.95. Grades K-3

Pleasure of this book is in the carefully executed illustrations which are unfortunately not in color; text is monotonous as snake and turtle wiggle and waddle down the road in search of joint home; conclusion fails to enliven story as they join other animals in a crumbling wall

Lester, Helen. CORA COPYCAT. Dutton, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-1

Mischievous Copycat Cora has irritating habit of mimicking everything and everybody: the dog's "Barkityruff," the clock's "BRRRING," her parents' directions; Cora is scared out of her habit by Wild Woolly Wurgal who escapes from zoo; humorous pen-and-ink drawings shaded with gold are animated, appealing; manageable for individual or group reading

Leverich, Kathleen. THE HUNGRY FOX AND THE FOXY DUCK. Parents, 1978. unp. $4.99. Grades K-2

Age-old tale of fox's being outsmarted by wise little duck; told with repetitive pattern easy for young children to read and follow; ending presents witty, unexpected twist; large, vivid watercolor illustrations; practical for reading aloud or silently

Levy, Elizabeth. SOMETHING QUEER AT THE LIBRARY: A MYSTERY. Delacorte, 1977. unp. $5.47. Grades 1-3

When Jill and Gwen decide to enter their basset hound in dog show, they go to the library to get a book about training dogs and discover that some "creep" has been cutting pictures out of books; girls solve mystery by collecting available clues and reasoning through problem; line drawings help to convey both the humor and seriousness of situation; well-written mystery story for young readers

Lexau, Joan M. I HATE RED ROVER. Dutton, 1979. 56 p. $5.95. Grades K-4

Absorbing tale of how diminutive Jill overcomes her inability to play Red Rover by sharing her dilemma with her grandfather, who also has problem; empathetic treatment of pain which results from being laughed at; soft gray, orange-tinted drawings are vitally realistic, expressive; bold, readable print suitable for individual or group reading

Livermore, Elaine. THREE LITTLE KITTENS LOST THEIR MITTENS. Houghton, 1979. 32 p. $5.95. Grades K-2

Innovative approach to an old favorite nursery rhyme invites reader to find kittens' lost mittens in detailed pen-and-ink drawings on bright yellow background; simple, brief text in bold print appears opposite amusing illustrations; will encourage reading, develop observation skills

Lloyd, Errol. NINI AT CARNIVAL. Crowell, 1978. unp. $6.89. Grades K-2

Brief, pleasurable story of distressed Nini, Jamaican child who has no costume for carnival; magically transformed by small piece of cloth, Nini becomes Queen of Carnival; large print enveloped by multi-colored, double-page illustrations of children in variety of costumes; will appeal to children's love of dressing up, fantasizing

Lobel, Arnold. GRASSHOPPER ON THE ROAD. Harper, 1978. 62 p. $5.79. Grades K-3

Humor of grasshopper's six encounters is unusually subtle for a beginning reader and more likely to bring smiles than chuckles; each brief chapter involves adventurous grasshopper with creatures committed to a routine--e.g., a super clean housefly set on cleaning the whole world, an overly zealous mosquito ferry boat captain; soft, predominantly green drawings reflect gentleness of easily read story

Lobel, Arnold. HOW THE ROOSTER SAVED THE DAY. Greenwillow, 1977. unp. $5.94. Also available from Puffin $1.95 paper. Grades K-3

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Lobel, Arnold. A TREEFUL OF PIGS. Greenwillow, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Peasant farmer and his wife buy some pigs to raise, but he is too lazy to help care for them; wife resorts to extreme actions to get him to work; humorous tale with meticulously detailed, color pictures; amusing cover and text illustrations, readable print will lure numerous readers (Haywood County)

Low, Alice. THE WITCH WHO WAS AFRAID OF WITCHES. Pantheon, 1978. unp. $5.99. Grades K-3

With help from a ghost friend, Little Wendy learns to fly and cast spells well enough to be acknowledged by her older sisters as a creditable, if different, witch; non-scary Halloween story abundantly illustrated with tiny, impish characters

Lukešová, Milena. THE LITTLE GIRL AND THE RAIN. Holt, 1978. unp. $6.50. Grades K-2

While some animals run to hide, rain is a playmate for little girl, ducks, geese, others; large, pastel illustrations of interesting animals; minimal text

MacLachlan, Patricia. THE SICK DAY. Pantheon, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Noteworthy break from tradition as Father tenderly cares for Emily, who has "a stomach ache in [her] head," while Mother is working; Father's patience and gentle concern reflected in his telling Emily stories, answering her continual requests; sensitive illustrations demonstrate affectionate father-daughter relationship

McNaughton, Colin. THE GREAT ZOO ESCAPE. Viking, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Ruffles, tropical island bird who entertains his winged friends with tall tales, is captured and taken far away to a zoo; three seagulls fly to zoo, abscond with zookeeper's keys, free all the animals; text is superimposed on bright, double-page illustrations; entertaining, but expensive purchase

McPhail, David. MISTLETOE. Unicorn/Dutton, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Mickey, disappointed about receiving a wooden horse for Christmas, fantasizes that Mistletoe transforms into real horse; her exciting ride across sky on Mistletoe's back leaves Mickey grateful for Santa's mistake; pastel-tinted, pen-and-ink drawings imaginatively re-create the enchanting text; small, delightful book with readable print will touch children's fancy

McPhail, David. STANLEY: HENRY BEAR'S FRIEND. Little, 1979. 47 p. $6.95. Grades 1-4

Stanley, adorably sad-eyed raccoon, leaves home in search of happier life; heart-warming, but somber tale of Stanley's attachments to cunning Fenster Fox, temperamental Chatto Rat, good-natured Isaac; themes of self-awareness, value of friendship and honesty supplemented by warm fine-line drawings of characters; numerous words per page may necessitate reading aloud to some groups

McPhail, David. WHERE CAN AN ELEPHANT HIDE? Doubleday, 1979. unp. $7.90. Grades K-3

Humorous jungle tale about Morris, an elephant whose inability to hide easily from hunters causes him great frustration; with aid of animal friends, Morris finds perfect hiding place, resulting in happy ending; colorful, appealing illustrations; beautiful, durable cover; excellent for reading aloud or individual entertainment (Clinton City)

Maestro, Betsy and Guilio. LAMBS FOR DINNER. Crown, 1978. 32 p. $6.95. Grades K-3

Clever Mr. Wolf uses many tactics to entice Mama Sheep's little lambs in order to have them for dinner; when Mama discovers three of her children have been stolen by Mr. Wolf, she rushes to his house--only to find them sitting at the table ready to eat dinner; large print, surprise ending, distinct illustrations in shades of blue and orange will delight children

Maestro, Giulio. LEOPARD AND THE NOISY MONKEYS. Greenwillow, 1979. 47 p. $5.71. Grades K-3

Too much noise from monkeys spending night with Leopard leads to sequence of events resulting in several jungle neighbors spending the night in each other's homes; expressive illustrations in soft, clear colors; simple vocabulary with sturdy colorful binding will make this book popular for independent enjoyment

Maestro, Giulio. LEOPARD IS SICK. Greenwillow, 1978. 48 p. $5.71. Grades K-3

Leopard has to stay in bed to recover from a stuffy nose and sore throat; his friends' attempts to cheer him are rebuffed until they disguise themselves as doctors; simplistic approach, but light humor attached to familiar situation will be appealing; simple text accompanies large, clear illustrations

Mählqvist, Stefan. I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE CROCODILES. Atheneum, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Eric has trouble getting to sleep one night; with his father in bed with him, they have a series of dream-like adventures; although not the best story, illustrations are bright, eye-appealing and will interest a young child--particularly pictures of father's hiding his head under a pillow

Mantinband, Gerda. BING BONG BANG AND FIDDLE DEE DEE. Doubleday, 1979. 57 p. $5.90. Grades K-2

Playful story of old man who, when he tries to fiddle, scares off his farm animals; when he and his wife go in pursuit, they are caught in storm, separated, rejoined; animal sounds, dialogue, large print, colorful caricatures will appeal to young listeners or readers

Marino, Barbara Pavis. ERIC NEEDS STITCHES. Addison, 1979. 32 p. $6.95. Grades 1-6

Indispensable book emphasizing necessity of psychologically preparing children for emergency room visits; written by nurse, story reveals Eric's injury, his fears, his response to medical help; accompanying black-and-white photographs depict Eric, emergency room facilities, instruments, treatment; utilitarian, as well as interesting book; will generate questions, responses in group discussions

Marshall, James. GEORGE AND MARTHA ONE FINE DAY. Houghton, 1978. 47 p. $5.95. Grades K-2

Five more brief, humorous stories about two hippopotami: 1) Martha almost loses her confidence as she walks a tightrope; 2) George is overcome with curiosity as Martha writes in her diary; 3) Martha convinces George not to tell any more "icky" stories at meal time; 4) George scares Martha; 5) Martha scares George; simple text, crayon-like full-page illustrations (Caldwell County)

Massie, Diane Redfield. CHAMELEON WAS A SPY. Crowell, 1979. unp. $6.89. Grades K-5

Certain that he will make the perfect spy, Chameleon convinces pickle company to hire him to recover their secret formula stolen by rival firm; while escaping with the formula, poor Chameleon slips into a jar of pickles destined for market; rescue and heroism eventually come in this sprightly, easy-to-read tale full of small, amusing illustrations

Mayer, Mercer. OOPS. Dial, 1977. unp. $4.17. $1.75 paper. Grades K-3

Described on Fall 1978 Easy Books Advisory List

Merriam, Eve. UNHURRY HARRY. Four Winds, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-4

Hectic day in the life of Unhurry Harry, boy whose mother, sister, father, friends, teacher are always saying, "Hurry, Harry"; black-and-white line drawings, representing dull reality, juxtaposed with brilliantly colored illustrations, representing Harry's fantasies, will evoke significant student response

Miklowitz, Gloria D. SAVE THAT RACCOON! Harcourt, 1978. unp. $5.95. $1.95 paper. Grades K-4

Tender, realistic story about what happens to raccoon when his forest home is demolished by fire; raccoon and other forest animals, who wreak havoc in the town where they take refuge, are caught and transported to new home; meticulous pen-and-ink drawings tinted with orange appropriately depict the appealing, informative text

Miles, Miska. JENNY'S CAT. Unicorn/Dutton, 1979. 40 p. $6.95. Grades K-4

In days of oil lamps and coal furnaces, little Jenny and her family move to new town when her father begins new route as passenger train conductor; dispirited and friendless, she adopts a stray cat in spite of her mother's forebodings; unusually well-developed characters convey family love without trace of sentimentality as the cat and her inevitable kittens find welcome homes and Jenny finds a friend; black-and-white drawings reflect tone of story easily read alone by older students

Miles, Miska. MOUSE SIX AND THE HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Unicorn/Dutton, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-3

Mistaking Mouse Six's intentions when she sees him with a knapsack, Squirrel starts a rumor that he is running away; local animals take gifts to cheer Mrs. Mouse, arriving just as Mouse Six returns with his knapsack full of gifts for her birthday; all join in happy, low-keyed celebration; black-and-white drawings emphasize animals, not activities

Miller, J. P. and Katherine Howard. DO YOU KNOW COLORS? Random, 1978. unp. $3.99. $.95 paper. Grades K-1

Fourteen colors (including lavender and gray) illustrated by plants and animals; though pictures are large and clear, some items selected seem arbitrary because of their unusualness--blue dragonfly, white rooster; fun for color study (A Random House Pictureback Book)

Milord, Sue and Jerry. MAGGIE AND THE GOODBYE GIFT. Lothrop, 1979. unp. $6.67. Grades K-3

Maggie and her family are transferred to a town filled with strangers; bored with her family's moping, she decides to open and play with a special good-bye gift; there was only one thing to do with all those open cans of food, so the family did it--turning a neighborhood of strangers into a backyard full of friends; Maggie and the text are bright blue spots on black-and-white pictures

Mitchell, Cynthia. HALLOWEENA HECATEE AND OTHER RHYMES TO SKIP TO. Crowell, 1978. unp. $6.89. Grades K-4

Wide array of rhyming lyrics designed to accompany skipping rope; includes verses for a fast skip, a daring skip, a hopping-from-one-leg-to-another skip, group counting skip, many others; suggests number of jumps for each; imaginatively detailed, intricate illustrations will initiate enjoyable browsing as well as actual skipping; for children who love this favorite recess activity

Mitchell, Cynthia. PLAYTIME. Collins Pubs., 1978. unp. $6.91. Grades K-3

Beautiful rhymes (participles only) and lively pictures of charming group of children "running, racing, cheering, chasing...growing"; Ichikawa's pencil and watercolor drawings will be enjoyed alone or in groups; verses will encourage imaginative additions (Wilkes County)

Morrison, Bill. LOUIS JAMES HATES SCHOOL. Houghton, 1978. 32 p. $6.95. Grades K-3

Amusing story about Louis James, who hates and frequently skips school; he learns the hard way that if he wants a good job, he must learn to read and write; mediocre story line uplifted by fast-paced action, striking illustrations, valuable theme; entertaining and encouraging to students who are apathetic about attending school

Mountain, Lee. UNCLE SAM AND THE FLAG. Oddo, 1978. 32 p. $5.75. Grades K-1

The Pledge of Allegiance explained in terms easily understood by young child; definitely a usuable book, in spite of painfully cute animals and instructor, Uncle Sam--a straight-backed eagle with a red, white, and blue top hat

Myers, Steven J. THE ENCHANTED STICKS. Coward, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades 2-5

Old man, assisted by bundle of supernatural sticks, triumphs over brutal band of robbers who kidnap young girl; fantasy set in ancient Japan is enhanced by delicate pen-and-ink drawings

Ness, Evaline. MARCELLA'S GUARDIAN ANGEL. Holiday, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-5

Marcella's invisible guardian angel hovers over her, acting as her conscience; since Marcella is inclined to misbehave, her angel is busy; Marcella can rid herself of the angel by learning to "turn herself inside out"; when Marcella tries this "flip-flop," she has more friends, positive feelings; self-discipline, the story's moral, doubtfully will be recognized by this age group; attractive woodcuts, portraying Marcella in various moods, accompany fairly sophisticated text; read aloud or silently

Newman, Shirlee P. TELL ME, GRANDMA; TELL ME, GRANDPA. Houghton, 1979. 30 p. $6.95. Grades K-2

When the little girl asks her grandparents to tell stories about her parents, they readily oblige with brief, amusing incidents; she, however, can only imagine her parents as they are now--a fact outrageously and brightly illustrated with scenes such as Mommy's riding her bike around the living room and Daddy's sitting in a high chair with bowl of cereal on his head; good fun for reading aloud or alone

Nivola, Ruth. THE MESSY RABBIT. Pantheon, 1978. 35 p. $5.99. Grades 2-4

Charming, detailed watercolors take edge off didacticism of this tale of little rabbit taught lesson on neatness; large margins, manageable format ideal for individuals and small groups (Wilkes County)

Nixon, Joan Lowery. THE BOY WHO COULD FIND ANYTHING. Harcourt, 1978. unp. $5.95. $1.95 paper. Grades K-3

David muddles his way to fame as a finder of lost objects--lost speech falls on his head when he bumps into a bookcase, lost false teeth take a strategic bite when he sits; unfortunately, his luck does not hold when it comes to his own possessions at home; familiar Syd Hoff fare in illustrations

Nixon, Joan Lowery. MUFFIE MOUSE AND THE BUSY BIRTHDAY. Seabury, 1978. 47 p. $6.95. Grades 3-5

Muffie Mouse helps her mother have the best possible birthday by preparing breakfast in bed--peppermint candy sandwich and root beer; during the day she teaches a non-sharing friend to share, helps a cousin pass through a scary "phase"; day ends as Muffie provides prettiest party decoration--a smiling face; lengthy text in four chapters accompanies small black-and-white drawings

Nixon, Joan Lowery. THE NEW YEAR'S MYSTERY. Whitman, 1979. 32 p. $3.71. Grades 1-3

When New Year's party treats disappear, Susan and Mike set out to solve the mystery; intriguing and fast-moving tale for beginning readers; humorous illustrations in blue tones

Noble, June. TWO HOMES FOR LYNN. Holt, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades 2-5

Unfortunately shallow treatment of the breaking up of a home; actual pain and confusion six-year-old Lynn feels after her parents' divorce is quickly suppressed with acquisition of imaginary friend who is unreservedly welcomed by both parents; challenging vocabulary for early readers, but book could serve a need if read aloud; soft brown and cream colored illustrations are realistic, attractive

Oakley, Graham, THE CHURCH MICE AT BAY. Atheneum, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades 2-6

Sixth story about church mice and Sampson, the cat; Sampson gets thrown out when substitute "mod" vicar decides to replace Sampson with a cat who will "*catch* mice, not *hob nob* with them"; mice rescue Sampson from the pound and subsequently eject the new vicar; colorfully detailed pictures are witty extensions of matter-of-fact text; delightfully funny

Oana, Kay D. THE LITTLE DOG WHO WOULDN'T BE. Oddo, 1978. 32 p. $5.75. Grades K-2

Even a four-year-old will understand the moral, "Be yourself," as the I-Know-Owl grants plain Bruno's wishes to be various other animals; after suffering predictable misadventures, Bruno welcomes chance to be himself; large, unusually dark print and colorful, oil painting style illustrations

Oana, Kay D. ROBBIE AND THE RAGGEDY SCARECROW. Oddo, 1978. 32 p. $5.75. Grades K-2

Pleasant picture story about a little boy's visit to his grandmother in the country; Robbie saves her cherry tree and future cherry pies by building a scarecrow to scare off noisy birds; unfortunately, Jackie Stephen's colorful illustrations lack charm or humor

Otto, Svend. TAXI DOG. Parents, 1978. unp. $5.41. Grades K-2

In Copenhagen Jasper enjoys pretzels, coffee, taxi rides until he gets into trouble chasing chickens; cutting short resultant stint as tied-up watchdog, he catches ride on a taxi back to the city and resumes his former way of life--until he meets a charming dachshund, "by far the sweetest dog he'd ever seen"; clear, colorful, full-page pictures with minimum print make this ideal for sharing; durable library binding

Oxenbury, Helen. THE QUEEN AND ROSIE RANDALL. Morrow, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-3

A telephone call from the Queen sends Rosie to the palace to help organize entertainment for visiting King Wottermazzy; she leads royalty and staff in a variety of children's games, such as blindman's bluff and hide-and-seek; each game ends in pandemonium, but a good time is had by all; full-page color illustrations project distinctly British flavor; tiny black-and-white drawings decorate text pages (Wilkes County)

Panek, Dennis. CATASTROPHE CAT AT THE ZOO. Bradbury, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-2

Catastrophe Cat, through series of misadventures, cavorts with various animals in zoo; large, double-page illustrations colorfully depict Catastrophe's riding hippopotamus, sliding down camel's neck, swinging over alligators, being balanced by seals, rescued by giraffe; action-packed picture book with only four pages of print

Parenteau, Shirley. SECRETS OF SCARLET. Childrens, 1979. 31 p. $5.50. Grades 2-5

Moralistic story which teaches that something old can be just as good as something new; in Marie's case, learning her grandmother's art of making lace, instead of discovering an innovative idea for solving her village's financial dilemma, is best solution; early historical setting in Southern France; plain black-and-red illustrations do not detract from entrancing storyline, thought-provoking theme; for child tired of conventional-style books

Parish, Peggy. BE READY AT EIGHT. Macmillan, 1979. 63 p. $6.95. Grades 2-4

Lovable, forgetful Miss Molly must "be ready at eight," but she does not remember why; after a day of questioning friends and neighbors, she surprises herself with a birthday party; children's and adults' affection for Miss Molly is unmistakable in their acceptance of her absent-mindedness and in gay line drawings shaded with green, orange; readable text, likable characters will attract readers

Parish, Peggy. MIND YOUR MANNERS! Greenwillow, 1978. 56 p. $5.71. Grades K-3

Beginning guide to courtesy; includes sleep-over, supermarket, and party situations as well as expected basics; ideal for class discussions, though illustrations will be enjoyed for themselves

Parker, Nancy Winslow. THE CROCODILE UNDER LOUIS FINNEBERG'S BED. Dodd, 1978. unp. $5.50. Grades 2-4

When his pet crocodile is too big to fit under his bed, Louis Finneberg disappears; only the reader knows for sure why the crocodile inexplicably begins to speak and fly kites; humor of newspaper story style and vocabulary will not be grasped by intended audience unless read aloud; neat black-and-white drawings are as precise and uncluttered as text

Parker, Nancy Winslow. THE ORDEAL OF BYRON B. BLACKBEAR. Dodd, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades 2-5

Engaging dramatization of how the best laid plans of even scientists go awry; ligh-heartedly exemplifies steps of a scientific experiment designed to answer the question, "How do bears sleep five months every winter?"; Byron B. Blackbear's amusing reaction to this invasion of privacy not only evokes empathy for the bear but also insight into resiliency of scientific community; simple text complemented by apt illustrations of story, scientific equipment, types of bears (Goldsboro City)

Paterson, Diane. THE BATHTUB OCEAN. Dial, 1979. unp. $6.46. Grades K-1

Inventive story about Henry, typical little boy who imagines his bathtub is the ocean; he dons his flippers and oxygen tank, "dives" into his ocean, where he rides the back of whale, sails with a sailfish, sees other fish, then starts home as he hears his mother's call; effective full-page pastel, pen-and-ink drawings; good read-aloud (Haywood County)

Paterson, Diane. THE BIGGEST SNOWSTORM EVER. Dial, 1974. unp. $4.58. $1.95 paper. Grades 1-3

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A PEACEABLE KINGDOM: THE SHAKER ABECEDARIUS. Viking, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-4

Unusual alphabet book based on an old 19th-century Shaker Abecedarius used for teaching reading; soft, delicate watercolor illustrations by Alice and Martin Provensen simply, but artistically, represent such lines of Abecedarius as "Alligator, Beetle, Porcupine, Whale/Bobolink, Panther, Dragonfly, Snail"; fterword, providing information on Shakers, makes this book a potential supplementary source for older children studying U.S. History

Pearson, Susan. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT! Dial, 1978. unp. $6.46. Grades K-2

Kindergarten story about best friends, Patty and Herbie, who had always played together, until they started school and suddenly there were games and things boys did that girls could not do; Patty decides to teach Herbie a lesson about the disadvantages of "male" and "female" roles; heavy-handed and inconclusive but good for those interested in the rights and importance of girls; brightly colored, full-page drawings

Peet, Bill. COWARDLY CLYDE. Houghton, 1979. 38 p. $8.95. Grades K-4

Clyde, faint-hearted war-horse of brave, young Sir Galavant, hopes that his bravery will never be tested; when countryside is ravaged by "owl-eyed, ox-footed ogre," Sir Galavant and Clyde set out to destroy the beast; they accomplish their mission in surprising fashion; humorous crayon and black-line illustrations accompany this amusing adventure tale which will be an appealing addition; lengthy text may require reading aloud to some groups

Peterson, Esther Allen. FREDERICK'S ALLIGATOR. Crown, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Pleasantly entertaining story of Frederick, who invents stories about having wild animals; no one ever believes him until he finds an egg that hatches into a baby alligator; after exciting episodes at school, Frederick decides to return alligator to riverbank; however, now his friends pay serious attention to Frederick's animal stories; ink and color wash illustrations depict amusing scenes, expressive characters; racially representative school group

Peterson, Jeanne Whitehouse. THAT IS THAT. Harper, 1979. unp. $7.89. Grades 1-4

Reveals Emma Rose's feelings and her relationship with her younger brother when their father leaves home; contemporary theme unusual for children's books; poignant content and warm, sensitive illustrations; however, illustration of child's nudity may prove offensive to some parents

Pfloog, Jan. PUPPIES. Random, 1979. unp. $2.50 paper. Grades K-1

Adorable color pictures of various types of puppies dominate this eye-catching book which simply describes puppies' characteristics: playful, noisy, hungry, naughty, sleepy; manageable size; thick board pages will attract young readers, viewers; deserving of individual or group use

Phillips, Charles Fox. RED RASPBERRY CRUNCH. McKay, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades 1-4

Novel little story done in rhyme about an old lady and her 89 dogs, 33 chickens, 44 hogs, who invented and decided to market Red Raspberry Crunch; humorous fantasy exquisitely depicted in busy pen-and-ink drawings; subtle moral and ambiguous ending will provoke discussion; rhythm, rhyme will make this an entertaining read-aloud

Pierce, Robert. THE DAY OF THE WIND, RAIN AND SNOW. Golden Pr., 1978. 72 p. $5.95. Grades K-3

Three vividly portrayed action stories set in different kinds of stormy weather--snow, wind, rain; basic plot of child's getting stranded and being rescued appears in each story; rhymed couplets, brilliantly colored illustrations assure student selection; perfect as read-aloud (Clinton City)

Pinkwater, Daniel M. PICKLE CREATURE. Four Winds, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-2

Conrad brings home from the grocery store a green, lumpy, friendly Pickle Creature with a fondness for raisins; his grandmother knows just how to make Pickle Creature comfortable with oatmeal cookies and a fuzzy bedspread; simplest of stories with bright, full-page, simply drawn pictures

Pollock, Penny. ANTS DON'T GET SUNDAY OFF. Putnam, 1978. 47 p. $5.69. Grades 2-4

Worker ant, Anya, bored and overworked, longs for change of pace, until a rainstorm brings more than enough adventure; her diligent habits pay off, even though she has to eat a wad of bubble gum in order to regain her home and again be told to get back to work; realistic details in simple text and alternately black-and-white and colored pictures (Wilkes County)

Postma, Lidia. THE WITCH'S GARDEN. McGraw, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-5

Bewitching story of children who become enchanted by an old woman they have previously feared as a witch; after meeting the old woman, visiting her garden, listening to her tales of gnomes and elves, children rush home to discover their own Little People; intriguing adventure into fantasy, delicately detailed color illustrations will spellbind readers, listeners; sophisticated text will necessitate reading aloud to some groups

Prelutsky, Jack. THE MEAN OLD MEAN HYENA. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-3

In fresh, sustained rhyme, Mean Hyena plays trick after trick on his jungle friends; chanting his proud refrain after each sly act, he remains unrepentant to the end; black-and-white illustrations highlighted with yellow capture chagrin, humor of each scene

Provensen, Alice and Martin. THE YEAR AT MAPLE HILL FARM. Atheneum, 1978. unp. $5.69. Grades K-4

Numerous illustrations, informative text relate year-round events on a New England farm; temperaments, activities of both people and animals reflect seasonal environmental changes; practical format includes basic text at top of each page, detailed text at bottom, thereby making book useful for group or individual reading; versatile purchase (Caldwell County)

Quakenbush, Robert. CALLING DOCTOR QUACK. Lothrop, 1978. 63 p. $4.76. Grades 3-6

Dr. Quack is kept busy curing ailments traceable to Snapping Turtle, whose bad temper is finally cured by removal of cans and bottle caps under his shell; pronunciation is provided for six medical terms; could be used for beginning career education; charming pictures would have more appeal in colors other than green, black, and white (Clinton City)

Quackenbush, Robert. DETECTIVE MOLE AND THE TIP-TOP MYSTERY. Lothrop, 1978. 63 p. $4.76. Grades 2-4

Emery Eagle, Tip-Top Inn manager, hires Detective Mole to solve mystery of strange occurrences which have led to departure of inn's guests; treasure is discovered, culprits unmasked, reputation of inn preserved; bonus of simple, healthy snack recipe at end; simplistic tale for early mystery readers; multi-shaded green illustrations have no particular appeal (Clinton City)

Quin-Harkin, Janet. PETER PENNY'S DANCE. Dial, 1976. unp. $7.47. $2.50 paper. Grades 1-3

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Rabinowitz, Sandy. A COLT NAMED MISCHIEF. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $7.90. Grades K-3

Mischief, a colt, lives up to his name by plucking chickens, chewing clothes, making a general nuisance of himself; Sara's father decides he must be sold; he changes his mind, however, when the colt catches two cattle rustlers by chewing tires on their getaway truck; text is almost unnecessary and clearly secondary to warm-hearted, watercolor illustrations (Haywood County)

Radley, Gail. THE NIGHT STELLA HID THE STARS. Crown, 1978. unp. $8.95. Grades K-2

Story-hour fantasy of Stella, the Star Lady who rebels against dusting stars everyday; she hides them and flies off to enjoy a couple days of freedom, thus causing misery and confusion on earth; brief text supplemented by humorous illustrations filled with colorful details (Caldwell County)

Raphael, Elaine, and Don Belognese. DONKEY AND CARLO. Harper, 1978. 32 p. $6.79. Grades K-3

Simple, commonplace actions carry story of Carlo and Donkey as they tend their garden; Donkey reluctantly agrees to go to market after Carlo promises to get home by dark; distractions of bustling marketplace nearly spoil trip for donkey; soft, brown-toned drawings are as gentle as story

Raphael, Elaine, and Don Bolognese. SAM BAKER, GONE WEST. Viking, 1977. unp. $6.95. Grades 2-5

Sam Baker, hungry for more land, follows directions of old peddler and takes his family West, where he hopes to get land for "'next to nothing'"; Sam's greed ironically leads to his own demise so that all he needs is a plot of land six feet long; Tolstoy's "How Much Land Does a Man Need?" inspired this moralistic tale which is vividly portrayed in the mixed media of pen-and-ink and color acrylic paints

Ressner, Philip. DUDLY PIPPIN'S SUMMER. Harper, 1979. 42 p. $6.89. Grades 2-4

Dudley's summer in the country begins as his family leaves the city early one morning when the air "smelled as if no one had breathed it yet"; briefly we share some of his special encounters: the farmer who invites him to listen to the potatoes grow, his special friend Margot, an elf who has no family--only a big bowling team; short independent chapters perfectly complemented by pencil sketches (Clinton City)

Richter, Alice, and Laura Joffe Numeroff. YOU CAN'T PUT BRACES ON SPACES. Greenwillow, 1979. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 2-5

Informative story concerning an experience many children face today, getting braces on their teeth; told with empathy and humor, young boy witnesses his brother's getting braces and wishes he had them too; not an exciting story, but pleasant reading for child having, or soon getting braces

Ricks, Charlotte Hall. LOOK AT ME. Houghton, 1979. 32 p. $7.95. Grades K-2

Having used all the ingeniousness imaginable, Catherine is still unable to get her busy mother's attention--until she pulls off her disappearing act; beautiful treatment of a little girl's need for reassurance of her mother's love; one line of print per page under simple, full color illustrations

Robb, Brian. MY GRANDMOTHER'S DJINN. Parents, 1978. unp. $5.41. Grades 2-5

Humorous, fanciful tale of djinns that takes the reader from a relatively sedate family life in England to mysterious, exotic lands of North Africa; after many years of being imprisoned in a bottle, a friendly djinn escapes and persuades English family to help him find his wife from whom he was separated years before; lengthy, occasionally tedious, text accompanied by entertaining, colorful illustrations; could be read aloud to younger children

Robinson, Marileta. MR. GOAT'S BAD GOOD IDEA. Crowell, 1979. 39 p. $6.89. Grades 1-3

Navajo setting provides background for these three brief, humorous stories: Mr. Goat searches for more dirt to finish his house, Grandfather Sheep cannot find his favorite old hat, Jerry Prairie Dog has lost his blue and white coffee pot; gay illustrations depict lusterless, predictable stories; however, large print, animal characters, length of pointed tales will hold children's attention

Robison, Nancy L. THE MISSING BALL OF STRING. Garrard, 1977. 48 p. $4.06. Grades K-3

Unbeknownst to Peter, a robin confiscates his kite string everytime he puts it down; children will enjoy slight suspense as Peter searches for culprit--often evident in three-color illustrations

Rockwell, Anne and Harlow. BLACKOUT. Macmillan, 1979. 63 p. $6.95. Grades K-4

Interesting, informative story about inconveniences, dangers which accompany power failure; in calm, well-organized way each family member does his part; includes helpful suggestions for prevention of pipes' freezing, for keeping warm, for eating simply; fast-paced action in logical sequence effectively represented in gray drawings tinted with blue; excellent for preparing children for blackouts

Rockwell, Anne. THE BUMP IN THE NIGHT. Greenwillow, 1979. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 1-3

Easy-to-read story about Toby the Tinker, who reassembles a Shakespeare-like ghost, who had been chopped up by robbers; Toby becomes rich after digging up ghost's treasure and fearlessly inhabits the ghost's castle; bold print, repetition, sequencing of text will maintain reader interest, as will the suspense of this story; simple, but attractive drawings adequately represent tale

Rockwell, Anne. GOGO'S PAY DAY. Doubleday, 1978. 32 p. $6.90. Grades K-4

Brightly colored illustrations and clear, green print depict Gogo the clown--his benevolence and his lack of restraint; when Gogo gets a raise, he spends his money on presents for his friends, forgetting to save for his rent; excellent lesson in economics provides simple representation of managing, borrowing, repaying money; for group or individual reading

Rockwell, Anne. TIMOTHY TODD'S GOOD THINGS ARE GONE. Macmillan, 1978. 63 p. $6.95. Grades 2-4

Timothy Todd, peddler, loses his pack; after spotting a bobcat, crow, bear with some of his wares, he bargains with an old man for lodging; lengthy text in large print, poetic format is illustrated by line drawings tinted with blue; not particularly exciting, but story may attract youngsters interested in simplistic mysteries

Romanek, Enid Warner. TEDDY. Scribners, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Typical day in life of any youngster is illustrated with Teddy and other stuffed animals; unremarkable story is given unique character by beautifully detailed etchings and whimsical ending of Teddy's taking his tiny humans to bed

Rose, Anne. AS RIGHT AS CAN BE. Dial, 1976. unp. $5.47. $1.95 paper. Grades 1-3

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Rose, Gerald. THE TIGER-SKIN RUG. Prentice, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-4

Tired old tiger substitutes himself for palace rug; unfortunately, his leisurely life adds suspicious fat; he risks discovery until his timely routing of burglars leaves him a hero; illustrations are bright and humorous

Roy, Ron. AWFUL THURSDAY. Pantheon, 1979. 42 p. $4.99. Grades K-3

Jack's "awful Thursday" starts after school when bag containing tape recorder he is bringing home from school gets squashed; after spending all evening worrying about how to explain to the librarian, Jack discovers he was carrying an empty box; easy reader with plot that will keep child's interest to the end; black-and-white illustrations by L. Hoban

Roy, Ron. THREE DUCKS WENT WANDERING. Seabury, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-2

Three little ducks wander away from their mother and barely escape with their lives from several dangerous situations; ducks are unaware of their near disasters and thoroughly enjoy their day; illustrations are typical first quality of Galdone; suspense makes this book a good choice for storytelling

Ruck-Pauquèt, Gina. OH, THAT KOALA! McGraw, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Conforming, punctual Bear Street residents welcome Koala bear until his homesickness surfaces with the full moon; monthly performance of rooftop singing and dancing in his sleep distresses neighbors; nasty fall alerts him to the problem; greatly embarrassed, he resolves to return to Australia; Mossakowska's clear, warm double-page illustrations are perfect for enjoying as story is read aloud

Ruffins, Reynold. MY BROTHER NEVER FEEDS THE CAT. Scribners, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Anna does ten chores one day while her brother Barney does none; besides having a delightful story (on the last page we find that Barney is a baby), readers are treated to scenes of a father cooking, an integrated neighborhood, a discussion of jobs to be "done by anyone... no boy or girl about it"; large double-page illustrations not only supplement brief text but also tell tale of Anna's elusive cat (Haywood County)

Ryder, Joanne. FOG IN THE MEADOW. Harper, 1979. 32 p. $7.49. Grades K-3

Poetically written account of animals' search for shelter as fog is wafted over the meadow; first lost and confused, they gradually recognize scents and sounds, thus safely eluding the patiently waiting gray fox; soft, pastel illustrations perfectly evoke windy evening hushed by fog

St. George, Judith. THE HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN SMASHER. Putnam, 1978. 47 p. $6.95. Grades 2-4

Turn-of-the-century story about a little girl and her imaginary playmate who try to unravel mystery of neighborhood pumpkin smasher; although imaginary friend becomes a little tiring, reader is introduced to many features of life in this period, especially through black-and-white and autumn-colored pictures

Salus, Naomi Panush. MY DADDY'S MUSTACHE. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $6.90. Grades K-2

Warm, loving book about young boy's enchantment with his father's mustache; father and son, in a moment of cuddling affection, imagine silly fantasies of what could lurk in the mustache; delightful black-and-white drawings emit tenderness; large, easy-to-read print

Salzman, Yuri. HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER. Harper, 1979. unp. $8.79. Grades 1-3

Fat, inactive Morry the bear clearly represents any camper who has ever felt out of place; though good-natured and clever with his hands, Morry is teased because he avoids physical activity; on ill-fated raft trip, he rescues fellow campers and discovers how much they do like him; children will easily identify with illustrations of animal campers

Scarry, Richard. RICHARD SCARRY'S POSTMAN PIG AND HIS BUSY NEIGHBORS. Random, 1978. unp. $3.99. $.95 paper. Grades K-1

Postman Pig delivers mail throughout the town, ending with a delivery to himself--a gift from his neighbors for his faithful service; primary students will enjoy identifying activities of community helpers, such as Snip-Snip, the barber, and Miss Honey, the schoolteacher; busy, multi-colored pictures with animals which all look alike

Schermer, Judith. MOUSE IN HOUSE. Houghton, 1979. 32 p. $6.95. Grades K-1

Victorian family members make a shambles of their home as they try to capture the resident mouse; just 20 simple words and several marvelously detailed illustrations tell the story, complete with perfectly happy ending

Schick, Eleanor. SUMMER AT THE SEA. Greenwillow, 1979. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 2-4

Pleasingly tranquil story about young girl's summer at the beach with her family and friends; realistic characters, exploits described in chapters about the sea, planting pansies, going fishing, returning home to city; vivid, poetic images reflected in softly shaded illustrations; clear, bold print and picturesque cover will invite selection

Scholey, Arthur. SALLINKA AND THE GOLDEN BIRD. Prentice, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Beautiful Christmas story of a woodcarver's son, Frederick, who makes a great sacrifice by destroying his masterpiece to make a bird for his sick friend; lovely, warm, expressive illustrations by Bernadette Watts; good story to read to small children who will enjoy just looking at illustrations

Schulman, Janet. CAMP KEEWEE'S SECRET WEAPON. Greenwillow, 1979. 63 p. $5.71. Grades 2-4

True-to-life story, divided into six sections, of Jill's struggle to find her identity with her peers; children will understand how she feels about summer camp, making new friends; suitable vocabulary, print accompanied by expressively vital illustrations; excellent selection for individual reader

Schulman, Janet. THE GREAT BIG DUMMY. Greenwillow, 1979. 30 p. $5.95. Grades K-3

Since no one is free to play, Anna creates her own playmate just her own size by using her own clothes; together they have a happy, busy time; text and simple, bright illustrations perfect for independent enjoyment; attractive wipable binding

Schulman, Janet. JACK THE BUM AND THE UFO. Greenwillow, 1978. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 1-4

Dubious coincidence of U. S. Weather balloon's arriving just in time to scare off a land developer may stretch adult credulity, but will cheer young readers--especially those who have seen favorite play spots converted to houses or parking lots; adults may also be put off by smelly Jack, but he is too amiable to offend; text, with just a few challenging words, illustrated with simple, watercolor scenes

Schultz, Gwen. THE BLUE VALENTINE. Rev. ed. Morrow, 1979. 64 p. $5.71. Grades 1-4

This story may have been written to remind teachers of how it feels to be the new child in a classroom: lonely, scared, eager to be liked; children will understand and sympathize; although written about a first grade child, level is closer to third; illustrations of this 1965 story have been updated, but directions for constructing Cindy's blue valentine remain intact

Schulz, Charles M. IT'S YOUR FIRST KISS, CHARLIE BROWN. Random, 1978. unp. $4.39. Grades 2-5

Hardcover, comic-book-style version of television show in which Charlie Brown must escort the Homecoming Queen to the dance--she happens to be the little red-haired girl; devastation at his loss of the football game (thanks to Lucy) is totally eclipsed when the queen accepts his kiss· upbeat ending for Charlie Brown

Schwartz, Stephen. THE PERFECT PEACH. Little, 1977. 48 p. $7.95. Grades K-3

Oriental "folktale-like" story written in verse; Pee-chee, Chinese prince, decides to run away from his doting parents and have fun like other children; his travels take him to the home of the sky gods, where his games cause problems on earth; he is finally returned to his home in the form of a giant peach, which later opens to reveal him safe and unharmed; tedious storyline, best read aloud, offset by meticulously contrived illustrations which deserve close individual attention; instructional in area of ancient Chinese culture

Seabrooke, Brenda. THE BEST BURGLAR ALARM. Morrow, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades 2-3

Humorous story in which three house pets outdo a complicated alarm system in catching a burglar; combination of cartoonish illustrations and lively adventure complements this amusing treatment of a real problem today--burglary

Segal, Joyce. IT'S TIME TO GO TO BED. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $7.50. Grades K-2

Droll illustrations of 13 different animals and simple text depict the eternal struggle between mothers and children at bedtime; unrealistically, not a single father is shown, nor does any baby animal disobey his mother (Clinton City)

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. MITCHELL IS MOVING. Macmillan, 1978. 46 p. $6.95. Grades 1-3

Tired of his old surroundings, restless Mitchell, the dinosaur, decides to make a new home for himself "two weeks away"; however, he quickly gets very lonely for his old friend and neighbor, Margo; warm, humorous story about friendship, written and illustrated in clever style, sure to entertain readers

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. MR. JAMESON AND MR. PHILLIPS. Harper, 1979. unp. $7.89. Grades K-4

Edifying animal story truly depicts our crowded society; lesson in ecology magnified by Mr. Jameson and Mr. Phillips, artists who search for a clean, quiet place to live and work; readable print interspersed with detailed color pictures that effectively reflect mood of story; separate chapters enhance practicality of independent or group reading

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. SCARLET MONSTER LIVES HERE. Harper, 1979. 64 p. $5.79. Grades K-3

Scarlet Monster, anxious to make friends in her new neighborhood, goes to all extremes to attract visitors: hangs a sign, makes brownies and pickled beets, builds a fire; height of irony depicted when Scarlet discovers, after berating her ugly self, that her neighbors are monsters too; expansive color illustrations accompany print which is spaciously placed on each page; eye-catching cover, bizarre visual characterizations will encourage selection; theme will encourage discussion

Sharmat, Majorie Weinman. THORNTON THE WORRIER. Holiday, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-2

Thornton Rabbit, prize worrier, sees a house sitting half on and half off a mountain; though he worries about its falling, the owner does not--until it does fall; after this, Thornton inexplicably changes his attitude and joins ranks of his non-worrying friends; amusing, delicately shaded black-and-white drawings (Caldwell County)

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. THE 329TH FRIEND. Four Winds, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-3

While washing 1,975 dishes after his party for 328 guests, Emery Raccoon reflects that he is his own best friend; read-aloud text accompanied by colorful pictures so detailed they invite delighted scrutiny

Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. UNCLE BORIS AND MAUDE. Doubleday, 1979. 62 p. $5.90. Grades K-3

Maude Mole uses her ingenuity and finally devises a plan to help Uncle Boris with his boredom during the snowy winter; half-page and full-page pen-and-ink drawings, clear print add to appeal of story; last lines on pages 30 and 31 were out of order in preview copy

Sharmat, Mitchell. REDDY RATTLER AND EASY EAGLE. Doubleday, 1979. 63 p. $5.90. Grades K-3

Unusual plot line centers on Reddy Rattler's search for solution to his problem of not being liked because he is a snake; Reddy's innate ability to rattle gains him a place with a band, thereby improving Reddy's popularity and self-esteem; comic three-color sketches accompany bold print; useful bibliotherapy for individuals or groups

Shearer, John. BILLY JO JIVE AND THE CASE OF THE MISSING PIGEONS. Delacorte, 1978. 47 p. $5.47. Grades 1-3

Billy Jo Jive and Susie Sunset help Flip find person responsible for stealing his pigeons; story ends on a moral note with Sunset's injunction, "Man, stealing ain't what's happenin'"; situation, jive talk, and characters in three-color illustrations are familiar to regular Sesame Street viewers

Shearer, John. BILLY JO JIVE, SUPER PRIVATE EYE: THE CASE OF THE MISSING TEN SPEED BIKE. Delacorte, 1976. 47 p. $5.47. Also available from Dell for $1.50 paper. Grades 1-3

Described on Fall 1978 Easy Books Advisory List

Shulevitz, Uri. THE TREASURE. Farrar, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Short, simple folktale with universal message; Isaac dreams that he should travel to capital city, look for a treasure under the bridge by the Royal Palace; reluctantly, he travels to capital city and surprisingly finds clue to a treasure that

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was in his home all the time; luminous, color illustrations are in Shulevitz's usual high quality; brief text in clear, readable print; for individual or group reading, discussion

Silvis, Craig. RAT STEW. Houghton, 1979. 31 p. $6.95. Grades 1-6

Extraordinarily creative book, written in seemingly nonsensical rhymes, about nature of relationships; intriguing verses about such unusual associations as the complementing lantern and night, dashed hope and memory, transient friendship between breeze and feather; difficult, masterful allegory can also be simply approached as puzzle, riddle; large print neatly parallels boxed-in, colorful drawings; entertaining bibliotherapy; positive learning experience

Singer, Marilyn. THE PICKLE PLAN. Dutton, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-4

Wily Rachel tries to get attention--by being different, by being mysterious, by being lively; what finally brings her out of her self-centeredness is asking Billy Michaels why he always has pickles in his lunch box; the two discover they have many thoughts and questions to share; intricate line drawings, shaded with gray, portray demonstrative, likable characters; large print, brief text suitable for even youngest readers

Skurzynski, Gloria. MARTIN BY HIMSELF. Houghton, 1979. 36 p. $6.95. Grades 1-3

Mother's first day on a new job and Martin's first afternoon at home alone result in pandemonium for the household until Mother and Martin together set things right; soft color drawings augment this humorous, possibly relevant, tale

Sleator, William. ONCE, SAID DARLENE. Dutton, 1979. 56 p. $5.95. Grades 1-3

Darlene tells her friends that she was once in a jungle, once in a desert, once on a ship, once lived in a castle, once had fairy animals, once was a princess; when only Peter says he believes her, she returns to her own magical home, taking Peter with her; imaginative tale with simple text, vivid gray and yellow drawings; attractively illustrated cover

Smith, Jim. THE FROG BAND AND THE MYSTERY OF LION CASTLE. Little, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Alphonse le Flic, frog detective, unceremoniously arrives at Brooker Lion's castle just after arrival of the Frog Band; through a series of misadventures they manage to solve ancient disappearance of one of Brooker's relatives; large, colorful illustrations have enough detail to keep readers and non-readers happily occupied through many sittings

Smith, Lucia B. A SPECIAL KIND OF SISTER. Holt, 1979. unp. $5.95. Grades K-3

Feelings of love and responsibility commingle with embarrassment and resentment for sensitive seven-year-old Sarah who struggles with these conflicting emotions regarding her mentally retarded younger brother; compassionate, brief, simple text with soft black-and-white drawings

Stadler, John. CAT AT BAT. Dutton, 1979. 31 p. $5.95. Grades K-2

Simplest of rhymes with no more than ten syllables per tale accompany accurately detailed, full-page, black-and-white illustrations; true humor provided for beginning readers in this book of silly verses about various animals

Stanton, Elizabeth and Henry. THE VERY MESSY ROOM. Whitman, 1978. unp. $3.56. Grades K-2

After parents totally empty her room, narrator faces absolute necessity of cleaning it; she redecorates with branches and plants, among which she arranges her toys; simple text, bright and realistic pictures depict unique idea

Steinmetz, Leon. CLOCKS IN THE WOODS. Harper, 1979. 32 p. $7.89. Grades K-2

Amusing tale combines things that fascinate young children: animals and clocks; sprightly, full-page illustrations in soft colors portray animals' excitement and response to wearing watches sold them by porcupine; entertaining plot, predictably realistic ending, clear print will attract readers; adaptable for tell-a-story

Stevenson, James. "COULD BE WORSE!" Greenwillow, 1977. unp. $5.94. Also available from Puffin for $2.25 paper. Grades K-3

Described on September 1977 Easy Books Advisory List

Stevenson, James. MONTY. Greenwillow, 1979. unp. $7.63. Grades K-3

Every day Monty the alligator takes his three friends (rabbit, duck, frog) across the pond to school; tired of listening to their continued suggestions for smoother, straighter crossings, Monty decides to teach them a lesson; when he takes a vacation, his friends soon realize they have taken his service and good nature for granted; pastel watercolor illustrations, uneven print in comic strip form impart humorous, valuable lesson; eye-catching cover (Haywood County)

Stevenson, James. THE SEA VIEW HOTEL. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $6.67. Grades K-3

Winsome Herbert, young mouse, turns disappointing two-week vacation with his parents into an exciting adventure; bored at the exclusive resort where there are no other children, Herbert meets Alf, handyman who introduces his young friend to simple activities and wonders of the area; comic book format, including pen-and-ink wash drawings and simple verbal style, should appeal to wide audience

Stevenson, James. WINSTON, NEWTON, ELTON, AND ED. Greenwillow, 1978. 56 p. $5.71. Grades 1-3

Winston, Newton and Elton, three walrus brothers, fight at the flick of a tail; missed supper leads to competition to be most courteous--with inevitable results; after ice split separates penguin Ed from his family, he becomes message writer for gregarious terns; to repay his kindness, they arrange transportation home for him; simple text extended by humorous illustrations in icy cold grays, blues

Stone, Bernard. EMERGENCY MOUSE. Prentice, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades 1-4

During his hospital stay, Henry worries about his pet mouse, Whitey; his concern spurs a dream in which Henry views a mouse hospital, complete with mouse surgeons, mouse patients, and Champion Mouse; entertaining text accompanied by funny color illustrations of distorted looking mice will probably not do much to allay children's fears of hospital

Stott, Rowena. THE HEDGEHOG FEAST. Windmill/Dutton, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-4

Ten naturally beautiful watercolor paintings by Edith Holden, whose earlier paintings comprise THE COUNTRY DIARY OF AN EDWARDIAN LADY, are complemented with an imaginative tale of Hedgehog family preparing for their hibernation party; credible sequences involve father's transport of apples, frisky curiosity of hedgehog children; glossy rose-beige paper, brown print are suitably subordinate to full-page prints

Stren, Patti. SLOAN AND PHILAMINA OR HOW TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH YOUR LUNCH. Unicorn/Dutton, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades 3-6

Unusual treatment of traditionally incompatible types choosing to be friends; with an elephant joke, ant Philamina halts anteater Sloan just as he is about to have her for lunch; in spite of dire threats from other anteaters, they stay together, eventually having a successful party for all their disbelieving relatives; pace of rather long story maintained by frequent jokes, simple line drawings with bubbled comments strategically highlighted by splashes of blue; some humorous references may be beyond young audience

Stubbs, Joanna. HAPPY BEARS DAY. André Deutsch, 1978. (Available from Dutton.) unp. $6.50. Grades K-2

Baby Bear hates being around other bears until the day he discovers that he needs help and that working together can be fun; vivid watercolor illustrations alternate with black-and-white drawings; lengthy text, despite large print, may necessitate reading aloud to younger groups; moralistic, happy ending will satisfy readers who select this attractively bound book

Sumera, Annabella. WHAT LILY GOOSE FOUND. Golden Pr., 1977. unp. $4.57. Grades K-2

Lily Goose unsuccessfully looks for something special for each of her friends--Tom Turkey, three ducks, Black Cow, Smiley Pig--until she finds a hat that is perfect for Fat Brown Hen's roosting; children will enjoy detailed color pictures of animals, readable print, manageable size, appealing cover

Sutton, Jane. WHAT SHOULD A HIPPO WEAR? Houghton, 1979. 32 p. $6.95. Grades K-3

Charmingly fat Bertha, a hippo, discovers value of being natural when Fred, her giraffe date for jungle dance, prefers her without make-up and a fancy dress; vocabulary, lengthy text may be advanced and plot somewhat pedestrian, but expressive illustrations are captivating

Swindells, Robert. A VERY SPECIAL BABY. Prentice, 1977. 47 p. $5.95. Grades 2-5

Abdul and his son Ali know that their camel born with three humps must have a special reason for being; purity of their confidence foretells that the camel's destiny must be to serve the Three Wise Men--as it does; slight adventure of Ali will interest capable readers at any season

Taber, Anthony. CATS' EYES. Dutton, 1978. unp. $9.95. Grades K-6

Tiger's life from birth to death--learning, doing, resting; detailed pencil drawings capture many scenes from cat's point of view; sparse separate text supplements, but is not vital to enjoyment of extraordinarily expressive, photo-like illustrations

Tallon, Robert. LITTLE CLOUD. Parents, 1978. unp. $4.99. Grades K-3

Mean Mountain scares all clouds away from the dry valley behind him; Little Cloud, defying Mean Mountain's gruffness, gathers a flock of his cloud friends, returns to dry valley and its thirsty animals to sprinkle them with rain; instructive, personified explanation of rain cycle enhanced by simple, eye-appealing pastel illustrations; elementary vocabulary in distinctly readable print

Tarrant, Margaret, sel. NURSERY RHYMES. Crowell, 1978. 96 p. $7.49. Grades K-6

Splendid collection of favorite and unfamiliar nursery rhymes; superb color illustrations scattered throughout text reflect simplicity of Tarrant's original drawings; independent reading for older children, read-aloud for younger children

Taylor, Mark. THE CASE OF THE MISSING KITTENS. Atheneum, 1978. 46 p. $7.95. Grades K-4

Detective Angus, long-haired dog with seriocomic expression on his face, perseveringly hunts for Mrs. Friday's hidden kittens; after finding them in basement of old house, he painstakingly carries each one to safety; blue-and-white, detailed sketches winsomely depict Angus and his surroundings; tender story that will particularly touch animal lovers

Thaler, Mike. MADGE'S MAGIC SHOW. Watts, 1978. unp. $4.90. Grades K-3

Madge performs her magic before an enthralled audience; all goes well until she tries to produce a rabbit and pulls everything else--including a horse--from her hat; slight, amusing story with large print, colorful illustrations

Thayer, Jane. GUS WAS A GORGEOUS GHOST. Morrow, 1978. unp. $5.49. Grades K-3

Gus, an amiable ghost who is disenchanted with traditional sheet outfit, sets out to add color to his attire; he finally decorates his drab white with colorful potato prints after reading in "Laws of Ghostdom" that white is not specified; black-and-white illustrations at beginning of book, colorful potato prints later on add excitement to Gus's efforts to remain spooky, but colorful; audience will certainly want to create vegetable prints after hearing story

Thomas, Ianthe. HI, MRS. MALLORY! Harper, 1979. 48 p. $7.89. Grades 3-6

Li'l Bits, young black girl, lovingly tells of her relationship with old Mrs. Mallory, her poor white neighbor; their sharing friendship is touchingly described and portrayed in accounts of Mrs. Mallory's cooking and fairy tales, scenes of Li'l Bits's helping around the shack; shaded pencil sketches tinted with green warmly depict tender story, characterizations; individual or group reading will evoke important discussions on death, love, poverty, friendship

Thomas, Patricia. "THERE ARE ROCKS IN MY SOCKS!" SAID THE OX TO THE FOX. Lothrop, 1979. unp. $6.67. Grades K-4

Light-hearted nonsense abounds as the fox attempts to help the ox get rocks out of his socks; however, situation goes from bad to worse as this rhythmic rhyming narrative continues: the ox gets a tack in his back, a rail on his tail, a bee on his knee; a bird gives the logical solution; comical black-and-white line drawings, interspersed with few colored ones, depict hilarious characters, circumstances; large print intensifies book's appeal to young readers who like to laugh (Haywood County)

Thompson, Jean. DON'T FORGET MICHAEL. Morrow, 1979. 64 p. $6.95. Grades 2-4

Four delightfully told short stories about Michael, how he thinks, feels about being youngest member of large, active, noisy family; true-to-life experiences, with touch of humor and adventure, will maintain students' attention; large, dark print supplemented by occasional black-and-white sketches which are appropriate to text; useful for encouraging children to write or tell about similar experiences

Thomson, Ruth. PEABODY ALL AT SEA. Lothrop, 1978. unp. $5.71. Grades K-4

Another solve-along mystery in which Detective Peabody and Humbug, who are on vacation, solve a thievery case at sea; each stage of story contains question in dark print that encourages readers to scrutinize copious illustrations in order to locate desired object, response; bright, vivid pictures, exciting plot, reader participation format will invite individuals or groups

Thomson, Ruth. PEABODY'S FIRST CASE. Lothrop, 1978. unp. $5.71. Grades K-4

Busy little book about Professor Augustus Peabody and his dog Humbug, who with three clues solve their first case--a bank robbery; solve-along format encourages readers' participation by posing questions that can be answered by examining multi-colored, multi-detailed illustrations which overspread pages; designed for readers to experience, not just read; potential sharing project

Titus, Eve. ANATOLE AND THE PIED PIPER. McGraw, 1979. 32 p. $7.95. Grades K-3

In his tenth recorded adventure Anatole, most talented mouse in Paris, rescues 24 schoolmice piped away by flutist Grissac who uses their reactions to gauge the success of his new musical composition--"mice are known as excellent judges of music"; Anatole's rescue plan involves a mouse orchestra and chorus production of the *1812 Overture*; Galdone's illustrations, like the story, maintain familiar quality of these stories

Tobias, Tobi. AT THE BEACH. McKay, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-3

Serene first-person narrative by little girl who spends quiet, pleasant day at the beach with her brother and parents; such family activities as walking, swimming, eating, napping, all sandwiched between child's peaceful morning awakening and her calm evening retirement, establish the tranquil tone emulated by soft, halcyon charcoal drawings; for individual or group reading

Todd, H. E. GEORGE THE FIRE ENGINE. Childrens, 1978. 31 p. $4.95. Grades K-3

Cheerful, detailed story of how Bobby Brewster saves George, an old-fashioned fire engine, from being scrapped; large print effectively interspersed with vivid, cartoon-like illustrations which depict genial, considerate characters; satisfying ending will please children

Tompert, Ann. THREE FOOLISH TALES. Crown, 1979. 48 p. $6.95. Grades 1-3

On their way to the fair both Raccoon and Skunk tell a tale for Fox to judge which is best, the prize being Fox's cherished purple umbrella; when the tales about foolish animals are told, it is the storytellers who become the fools; clever story with cheery, predominantly purple illustrations, clear print, simple dialogue will hold beginning readers' interest

Torgersen, Don Arthur. THE TROLL WHO LIVED IN THE LAKE. Childrens, 1978. 31 p. $4.95. Grades K-5

Beguiling tale of "old, ugsome" troll who is angry because children catch all his fish and leave a mess in and around his lake; all ends well as troll and children reach compromise; entertaining, fantastic plot with valuable environmental lesson accompanied by striking watercolor illustrations; lengthy text will require reading aloud to younger children

Tudor, Bethany. SAMUEL'S TREE HOUSE. Collins Pubs., 1979. unp. $5.91. Grades 1-3

Appealing storybook about Samuel, "a duckling made of plush" who builds a tree house in the process he learns that it is fun to do things alone, but more fun with friends; tiny watercolor illustrations adorably depict Samuel and his friends--Mr. Owl, red squirrel, Mrs. Chick-a-dee, woodpeckers; simple vocabulary, precious drawings on cover and in text, social lesson sure to delight young readers

Tudor, Tasha, and Linda Allen, illus. TASHA TUDOR'S FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS. McKay, 1978. 52 p. $7.95. Grades 1-6

Seventeen old favorite Christmas carols accompanied by full-page colorful, delicate illustrations (Tudor's easily identified); preface gives a brief history of carols--their origin and survival through the years; individual carols are accompanied by

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historical sketch, national origin, and composers when known; last page contains guitar chords; for all to enjoy, but format invites use by elementary grade children first learning carols

Turkle, Brinton. RACHEL AND OBADIAH. Dutton, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades 1-2

Rachel and Obadiah Starbuck, Quaker children on Nantucket Island in the early 1800's, race to win the chance to carry message to the captain's wife that the *SPEEDWELL* is arriving (TORTOISE AND THE HARE theme); sensitive color illustrations; girls will find this story particularly appealing

Van Horn, William. TWITCHTOE, THE BEASTFINDER. Atheneum, 1978. 36 p. $9.95. Grades 2-3

In the land of Little, odd jobs are done by beasts, such as Skinnywiggle and Whiskwottle; being naturally lazy, they tend to hide and have to be found by Victor Twitchtoe, beastfinder; elusive Snort is the first beast to outwit him; though never actually capturing Snort, Victor does succeed in controlling him; unusual read-aloud story with appropriately imaginative orange and purple illustrations

Van Woerkom, Dorothy O. DONKEY YSABEL. Macmillan, 1978. 45 p. $6.95. Grades 1-3

Donkey Ysabel, replaced by an automobile, is sad and jealous; however, when the car fails, Papa returns to dependable Ysabel; lively dialogue presents the animals' point of view on the farm; appropriate pen-and-ink color illustrations in text and on cover

Van Woerkom, Dorothy O. HARRY AND SHELLBURT. Macmillan, 1977. 48 p. $6.95. Grades K-2

When Harry Hare and Shellburt Tortoise restage fabled race, Shellburt outwits Harry just as Aesop would have bet; but the winner does not waste his breath moralizing--instead, he invites Harry Hare to share a friendly lunch; warm green and gold illustrations depict detailed, yet uncluttered setting; positive attitudes toward competition can stimulate discussion in young readers and listeners (ASU)

Vigna, Judith. ANYHOW, I'M GLAD I TRIED. Whitman, 1978. unp. $4.31. Grades K-3

Small narrator tries to befriend class misfit and bully, Irma Jean; throughout book her continuing efforts are unappreciated, but end of book lets reader in on Irma Jean's true feelings; large watercolors interspersed with gray and white illustrations; most likely to be used for classroom discussions (Caldwell County)

Waber, Bernard. THE SNAKE: A VERY LONG STORY. Houghton, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-2

Snake takes longest trip ever taken by any snake--past innumerable signs of city and country, until he ends up where he started; no particular plot in brief, large print, but visually intriguing for observant child attuned to symbols and subtlety; green snake travels above mixture of impressionistic watercolors

Wagner, Jenny. ARANEA: A STORY ABOUT A SPIDER. Bradbury, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Well-told story spanning a few summer days gives factual information about a spider and entertains the reader--details about building a web are especially good; appropriately illustrated in black and white; could be used as picture book story with young children or as informational book with middle grades

Wahl, Jan. THE TEENY, TINY WITCHES. Putnam, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Ma, Pa, and Sam, a teeny, tiny witch family, are constantly being run out of every little home they find because they are too small to perform great magical feats; after many moves, they find a cozy cottage with hospitable mouse who asks them to share his hole; while not highest quality literature, this story will entertain children during Halloween season and is one beginning readers can manage; black-and-white line drawings interspersed with those shaded by warm, fall colors

Wakefield, Joyce. ASK A SILLY QUESTION. Childrens, 1979. 32 p. $5.50. Grades K-3

Rhyming, nonsensical comparisons in riddle form--"what's the difference between a nickle and a pickle? If you put a pickle in a parking meter, you'll get a ticket"; funny, even silly content and pictures sure to appeal to young children; may encourage attempts at thinking up non-sense questions; in spite of brightly colored cover, illustrations are dull gray, blue and white

Wakefield, Joyce. FROM WHERE YOU ARE. Childrens, 1978. 29 p. $4.95. Grades K-1

Nice little book teaching concept of perspective: "a ball looks small...unless you're not tall" (as an ant); 12 ideas illustrated with large, colored pictures, clearly showing contrast; easy words in large bold print

Walsh, Ellen Stoll. BRUNUS AND THE NEW BEAR. Doubleday, 1979. unp. $8.90. Grades K-2

Brunus, a teddy bear, becomes jealous when Benjamin gets a new teddy bear; at first sad and deserted, he soon learns that he still holds a place in Benjamin's life; delightful read-aloud story with obvious moral for youngsters who may be faced with new younger siblings; lovely, neat illustrations in soft colors (Haywood County)

Walt Disney Productions. THE LOVE BUG. Random, 1979. unp. $3.50. Grades 1-3

Picture book version of movie about Herbie, spunky little VW with a mind of its own and a tendency to win races; simplified text and bright pictures characteristic of WONDERFUL WORLD OF READING books

Walt Disney Productions. DONALD DUCK, INSTANT MILLIONAIRE. Golden Pr., 1978. unp. $4.95. Grades 1-3

Donald Duck and his nephews look forward to a day of no work as they housesit in Uncle Scrooge's totally automated home; being surrounded by pre-programmed automatons proves more hazardous than fun; familiar characters and format

Walt Disney Productions. MICKEY AND HIS FRIENDS. Golden Pr., 1977. 48 p. $4.95. $1.95 paper. Grades K-4

Eight pleasantly humorous stories about Mickey, Donald, Goofy, Uncle Scrooge, and the kids; typical Disney fare with plenty of colorful illustrations

Walt Disney Productions. MICKEY MOUSE AND GOOFY: THE BIG BEAR SCARE. Golden Pr., 1978. unp. $4.95. Grades 2-3

Mickey, Goofy, the nephews are foiled in their camping plans until Goofy manages to scare away a family of bears who have taken over camp site; colorful Disney illustrations, easy vocabulary

Walt Disney Productions. THE MOUSEKETEERS' TRAIN RIDE. Golden Pr., 1977. unp. $2.85. Grades K-2

Mickey Mouse Club members take a train trip to Disney World with a special, unidentified friend ("you," the reader); on board they learn a few things about activities on a train; large, full-color illustrations accompany text which may be beyond reading level of audience (Clinton City)

Ward, Leila. I AM EYES, NI MACHO. Greenwillow, 1978. unp. $7.63. Grades K-3

Breathtaking, aesthetically gorgeous illustrations dominate this narrative of a young African girl who is enthralled by the beauty of her native land: "sunflowers and skies," "flowers and flamingoes," "moon and moonflowers," other poetic descriptions; simple prose and charcoal drawings of girl appear on pages opposite the vivid illustrations framed by colorful bands; overwhelming visual experience

Watson, Pauline. WRIGGLES, THE LITTLE WISHING PIG. Seabury, 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-4

Wriggles has the misfortune of having his wish granted and becomes an unwelcome "gator-monster" with a kite tail, alligator head, crane legs, and pelican wings; amusing watercolors will hold attention of listeners to familiar reminder that it is better to be oneself

Watts, Marjorie-Ann. CROCODILE MEDICINE. Warne, 1978. unp. $6.95. Grades K-3

Julie overcomes her own boredom during a long hospital stay by helping a crocodile adjust; far-fetched tale has many busy illustrations, most in color; appropriate for children in or about to enter hospital

Weiss, Leatie. FUNNY FEET! Watts, 1978. unp. $4.90. Grades K-2

Useful tale for children with some temporary handicap; corrective shoes are prescribed for Priscilla, pigeon-toed penguin; at first she is too embarrassed to wear them, but her love of ballet eventually wins out, and she performs gloriously in a dance recital; simple, brief text; large black-and-white pictures brightened with purples and blues

Wellington, Anne. APPLE PIE. Prentice, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-2

Chain of events, repetition of rhythmic text will have children chanting with the reader as Mr. Bingle receives numerous suggestions for reaching the topmost, enormous, juicy apple to put in a pie; full-page, detailed illustrations are alternately black-and-white and brightly colored

Wells, Rosemary. MORRIS'S DISAPPEARING BAG: A CHRISTMAS STORY. Dial, 1975. unp. $4.58. $1.95 paper. Grades 1-3

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Wells, Rosemary. STANLEY AND RHODA. Dial, 1978. 40 p. $6.46. Grades K-2

Humorous story of two mice siblings in three vignettes; mother tells baby sister Rhoda to clean her room; she is too tired, so Stanley does the job while she picks berries; Rhoda steps on a bee, screams until Stanley tells her Daddy will fix it by soaking it in boiling butter or letting the doctor work on it with his drill--she decides it does not hurt so much after all; both Rhoda and the baby-sitter are done in by Stanley's helpful advice as to care and feeding of Rhoda; large, bright pictures provide additional details to the simple, brief text (Caldwell County)

Wildsmith, Brian. HUNTER AND HIS DOG. Oxford U. Pr., 1979. 31 p. $7.95. Grades K-3

Tender, sensitive story of compassionate hunting dog; his master is filled with shame when he discovers dog lovingly caring for wounded ducks, instead of retrieving them; hunter takes injured ducks to his home and then releases them after caring for their wounds; beautiful, stylistic illustrations done in bright, rich oils; bold print; eye-catching oil painting on sturdy binding (Haywood County)

Wildsmith, Brian. WHAT THE MOON SAW. Oxford U. Pr., 1978. unp. $7.95. Grades K-3

Moon complains of how little he sees, so sun gives him a tour of daylight world during which Wildsmith focuses on contrasts: fast cheetah--slow turtle, fierce tiger--timid rabbit; large, colorful geometric and impressionistic pictures accompany single line of text on each page

Williams, Barbara. JEREMY ISN'T HUNGRY. Dutton, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-3

Truthful depiction of little boy's diligent efforts to appease his unhappy baby brother; while Mama is getting ready for a school program, Davey tries to stop Jeremy's crying by playing with him, feeding him; frustrated Davey, Jeremy, Mama are realistically portrayed in the shaded gray and orange illustrations; humorously baffling situation will appeal to children with younger siblings

Williams, Jay. THE CITY WITCH AND THE COUNTRY WITCH. Macmillan, 1979. unp. $8.95. Grades K-3

Belladonna, city witch, and Foxglove, country witch, decide to change places for a vacation; they discover their usual forms of magic have little use in their new environments until they learn to improvise on old tricks; delightful, humorous story will delight and amuse children any time of year

Williams, Vera B. IT'S A GINGERBREAD HOUSE: BAKE IT, BUILD IT, EAT IT! Greenwillow, 1978. 47 p. $5.71. Grades 2-6

Brief story introduces detailed recipe; precise, easy-to-follow, illustrated directions also indicate when additional assistance is required; patterns and special hints included

Witter, Evelyn. THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING BICYCLES. Childrens, 1978. 31 p. $4.95. Grades 2-5

Jenny Marsh, her brother, and her friend discover stolen bicycles in the old carriage house; realistic plot, curiously daring characters, simple mystery will attract young readers to this typical, thin Witter book; readable print balances bold, color illustrations

Witter, Evelyn. THE MYSTERY OF THE RED-EYED CAMEL PIN. Childrens, 1979. 31 p. $5.50. Grades 2-5

When Jenny Marsh loses her family's antique camel pin at school, Roger, Al, and Jenny go on a treasure hunt; they follow directions of a mysterious note to not only the pin but also to a new friend; intriguing story weaves themes of responsibility, compassion for others; satisfying conclusion, obvious moral, realistic color illustrations will content young mystery lover

Wittman, Sally. A SPECIAL TRADE. Harper, 1978. unp. $7.89. Grades K-2

Tender story of healthy relationship between youth and age; when Nelly is small, old Bartholomew walks her, plays with her, talks to her, loves her; when Bartholomew gets older, Nelly takes care of him by pushing his wheelchair, talking to him, loving him; this natural exchange is affectionately rendered in the delicate, multi-colored line drawings which profusely decorate the straightforward text; compact little book with valuable, heart-warming theme

Woldin, Beth Weiner. BENJAMIN'S PERFECT SOLUTION. Warne, 1979. unp. $6.95. Grades K-1

How to get quills like other porcupines is Benjamin's biggest worry; he covers himself with mud and puts branches in it, sticks on a book of matches, even knits a sweater of nettles, but he cannot fool anyone; discouraged, he goes away and meets a stranger who solves his problem by telling him he is an oppossum; charming pencil drawings in soft browns accented in red beautifully complement read-aloud story (Haywood County)

Worsham, Genevieve. COTTON CARTA: TO OUR CITY COUSINS BIG TOWN, U.S.A. Oddo, 1978. 32 p. $5.75. Grades K-3

Though the title will take some explaining by the teacher, this attractive, easily understood picture and resource book provides clear description of the growth, processing, use of cotton; rhyming text, accompanied by brightly colored, appropriate illustrations on slick pages, is interesting and informative

Wright, Dare. EDITH AND MIDNIGHT. Doubleday, 1978. unp. $6.90. Grades K-2

Another in a series of picture books about Edith, a doll; this time black-and-white photographs tell of Edith and her adventures with Little Bear, a stuffed animal, as they tame and capture a wild pony; although characters are inanimate objects, their appearance in realistic settings will captivate and delight willing young readers

Yolen, Jane. THE GIANTS GO CAMPING. Seabury, 1979. 48 p. $6.95. Grades 2-4

Five entertaining episodes feature five lovable giants on vacation in the mountains; Grizzle, Stout, Grab and Grub, and Dab have such camping adventures as assembling a tricky hammock, soft-heartedly returning a caught fish to the river, bringing a stray bear to the camp; readable text, accompanying black-and-white sketches tinted with turquoise expressively portray amiable giants; humorous characters and situations

Yolen, Jane. NO BATH TONIGHT. Crowell, 1978. unp. $5.95. Grades K-3

Jeremy manages some sort of minor injury each day so that he does not have to take a bath; at end of week, Jeremy's shrewd grandmother shows him how to read tea leaves, then promises to tell him about his past and future by reading leaves from "kid tea"; Jeremy has to make the "tea" by sitting in a tub of water; clever story adroitly enacted by distinct line drawings shaded with various bright colors; fun for individuals or groups

Yolen, Jane. THE SIMPLE PRINCE. Parents, 1978. unp. $3.99. Grades K-3

Young prince, tired of dress balls and foolishness, leaves his castle, determined to experience the simple life; after learning from farmer and his wife that simple life requires hard work, prince hurriedly returns to his castle--a more polite, grateful man; opportunity for children to learn manners and to be thankful for what they have; bright, expressive illustrations by Jack Kent obviously portray changes in prince's attitude

Zemach, Kaethe. THE BEAUTIFUL RAT. Four Winds, 1979. unp. $7.95. Grades 2-4

Because her mother feels that Yoshiko is too beautiful and clever to marry a rat, they appeal to the sun, a cloud, others until their search leads to the rat next door; original folktale told in simple language; bold illustrations transmit aura, but not style, of Japan

Zimmerman, Andrea Griffing. YETTA THE TRICKSTER. Seabury, 1978. 48 p. $6.95. Grades 1-4

Four stories about Yetta, mischievous young girl in an Eastern European village, who plays tricks (which backfire by the end of each story) on her family and community members; detailed pen-and-ink drawings picture characters in authentic peasant costume; open, warm youth-adult relationships; delightful characterizations and humor

*Briggs, Raymond. THE SNOWMAN. Random, 1978. unp. $5.99. Grades K-3

Wordless book, illustrated with several small frames per page, portrays small boy and snowman he makes which comes to life; first the boy shows the snowman his world; then the snowman takes the boy on short trip to snowy lands; pastel drawings maintain appropriate snowy atmosphere

Books in a Series

Delage, Ida. OLD WITCH BOOKS. Garrard, 1978, 1979. each 48 p. each $4.48. Grades K-3

Titles: THE OLD WITCH AND HER MAGIC BASKET; THE OLD WITCH AND THE DRAGON; THE OLD WITCH AND THE GHOST PARADE

Amusing books depicting adventures of Old Witch with nearby townspeople; tales of playful frightening, entertaining sick child with magic, and ridding town of dragon are depicted in boldly colored pictures, easily read text; exciting, but not-so-scary stories for any time of year

EASY VENTURE BOOKS. Garrard, 1978, 1979. each 32 p. each $4.48. Grades K-2

DeLage, Ida. THE SQUIRREL'S TREE PARTY
Kessler, Leonard. DO YOU HAVE ANY CARROTS?
Kessler, Leonard. TRICKS FOR TREATS ON HALLOWEEN

Winsomely adorable animal characters adorn these profusely illustrated books designed for earliest readers; simple plots instructively entertain readers: bunnies, in search of more carrots, meet many different animals, and squirrels not knowing what to do on a rainy day, prepare for a sunny day party; large bold print, appropriately spaced for easy reading, and attractive cover will attract inexperienced readers

FAMOUS ANIMAL STORIES. Garrard, 1977, 1978. each 48 p. each $4.70. Grades 2-6

Colver, Anne. PLUTO: BRAVE LIPIZZANER STALLION
Denzel, Justin F. SCAT: THE MOVIE CAT
Glendinning, Richard and Sally. STUBBY: BRAVE SOLDIER DOG

Heart-warming, well-written stories about historically and fictionally famous animals; Stubby, mascot of Yankee Division of World War I, follows his friends to battle in France, warns soldiers of gas attacks, captures a prisoner, receives many awards for bravery; Pluto, lead stallion of Lipizzaners, during World War II courageously performs for General Patton, who decides to save these famous horses; Scat, stray cat that becomes movie star, daringly finds his way home to his owner; even though texts are lengthy and there are few pictures, manageable vocabulary, thrilling plots will quickly involve and magnetize readers

GOLDEN LOOK-LOOK BOOKS. Golden Pr., 1977, 1978. unp. each $3.30. Grades K-3

Reit, Seymour. BUGS BUNNY GOES TO THE DENTIST
Reit, Seymour. BUGS BUNNY'S SPACE CARROT
Scarry, Richard. NICKY GOES TO THE DOCTOR

Familiar comic characters, full-page, colorful illustrations, and basic vocabulary introduce readers to importance of routine health care (see Science list for additional GOLDEN LOOK-LOOK BOOKS)

Gunther, Louise. FOR REAL BOOKS. Garrard, 1978, 1979. each 48 p. each $4.60.
Grades 1-5
Titles: ANNA'S SNOW DAY; A TOOTH FOR THE TOOTH FAIRY

Entertaining inner city books introduce good friends, Anna and Rose--not the same girls in both books, however; easy-to-read, cheerful stories describe a fun day of playing in the snow and Rose's anxiety about losing her tooth, for which she expects money from tooth fairy; well-spaced bold print and easy vocabulary characterize this text which includes frequent dialogue; multi-colored illustrations adequately represent characters, plots

Holl, Adelaide. SMALL BEAR ADVENTURES. Garrard, 1978, 1979. each 48 p. each $4.48.
Grades K-4
Titles: SMALL BEAR AND THE SECRET SURPRISE; SMALL BEAR SOLVES A MYSTERY

Simplest of mysteries in these books featuring Small Bear and his friends, Binky and April; tender, heart-warming stories center on Binky's new baby sister and Small Bear's thwarted apple party; large, dark print, basic vocabulary, amusing black-and-white illustrations shaded with blue will attract, entertain young readers

IMAGINATION BOOKS. Garrard, 1978, 1979. Grades K-4
Hoff, Syd. HENRIETTA, CIRCUS STAR. 48 p. $4.60
Hoff, Syd. HENRIETTA GOES TO THE FAIR. 48 p. $4.60
Kessler, Leonard. THE PIRATES' ADVENTURE ON SPOOKY ISLAND. 48 p. $4.60
Pape, Donna Lugg. DOGHOUSE FOR SALE. 40 p. $4.48
Pape, Donna Lugg. WHERE IS MY LITTLE JOEY? 48 p. $4.60

Colorfully animated stories with elementary plot lines: Kora Kangaroo's loss of her baby, Freckles' making numerous improvements on his doghouse, Henrietta Hen's experiences at the circus and fair, Captain Ben's rescue of prisoners from Bad Bart; plethora of illustrations provided for the fast-paced action, easy-to-read print, unsophisticated dialogue; excellent for individual or group reading and for experience in observing use of quotation marks

MYSTERY BOOKS. Garrard, 1978, 1979. Grades K-6
Hall, Lynn. THE MYSTERY OF THE SCHOOLHOUSE DOG. 64 p. $4.70
Robison, Nancy L. THE MYSTERY AT HILLTOP CAMP. 48 p. $4.60
Shapiro, Irwin. THE HUNGRY GHOST MYSTERY. 64 p. $4.70

Intriguing stories with simple plots will charm and interest young mystery lovers; schemes include such puzzles as missing milk, apparitional dog, spectral Captain Greybeard; exciting, satisfying conclusions will whet reader's appetite for more suspense; attractive covers, manageable vocabulary, unaffected style, black-and-white illustrations shaded with color will appeal to readers (Clinton City)

Patterson, Lillie. FIRST HOLIDAY BOOKS. Garrard, 1979. Grades K-4
CHRISTMAS TRICK OR TREAT. 48 p. $4.60
THE GROUCHY SANTA. 40 p. $4.48
HAUNTED HOUSES ON HALLOWEEN. 48 p. $4.60

Charming stories that all end happily treat such favorite holiday motifs as haunted houses, gnomes who are bestowers of good fortune and of devilish pranks, reformed Mr. Grouch in A CHRISTMAS CAROL tradition; simple plots, large print widely spaced, colorful text and cover illustrations will attract variety of readers; THE GROUCHY SANTA is misleading title

TELL-A-TALE READERS. Golden Pr., 1978. unp. each $2.95. Grades K-2
Titles: THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER; JOE CAMP'S BENJI THE DETECTIVE; RAGGEDY ANDY AND THE JUMP-UP CONTEST; TWEETY AND SYLVESTER AT THE FARM

Diminutive books with bold print, action illustrations feature familiar characters in fast-paced tales; drawings on each page, manageable size, readable text will appeal to readers, but some books contain roughly textured paper, weak crayon drawings

TROLL EASY-TO-READ MYSTERIES. Troll, 1979. each 48 p. each $5.21. Grades 2-5
Titles: THE CASE OF THE MISSING CANARY; THE CASE OF THE MISSING CHICK; THE GHOST IN THE ATTIC; THE GRAPE JELLY MYSTERY; HAROLD AND THE DINOSAUR MYSTERY; MRS. WIGGLESWORTH'S SECRET; MYSTERY AT THE ZOO; MYSTERY OF THE LOST LETTER; MYSTERY OF THE LOST PEARL; MYSTERY OF THE MIDNIGHT VISITORS; MYSTERY OF THE RUNAWAY SLED; MYSTERY OF THE WITCH'S SHOES

Exciting, easy-to-follow mystery stories center on everyday kinds of problems--finding missing sled, making new friends, deciphering soiled note, finding lost letter, hearing strange sounds in attic, wearing new glasses; diversified settings, human and animal characters; varying settings and styles of expressive illustrations appropriate to texts enhance these simple mysteries, solutions; desirable format includes eye-appealing, action scenes on covers, plethora of colors interspersed with distinct, readable print on slick pages

Virin, Anna. THE ELSA BOOKS. Harvey, 1978. unp. each $2.79. Grades K-1
Titles: ELSA'S BEARS; ELSA TIDIES HER HOUSE; ELSA IN THE NIGHT; ELSA'S BEARS NEED THE DOCTOR; ELSA'S BEARS IN THE PLAYGROUND; ELSA'S BEARS LEARN TO PAINT

Series of easy short stories about Elsa and her toy bears; adventures are realistically child-like, make-believe; bold, clear print accompanies simple, bright pictures which can tell the story without words; small size of books will facilitate young readers' use

YOUNG READERS. Golden Pr., 1977, 1978. unp. each $2.97. Grades K-3
Titles: BIG BIRD'S RED BOOK; COOKIE MONSTER AND THE COOKIE TREE; DONALD DUCK AND THE ONE BEAR: A TURN-ABOUT TALE; MICKEY MOUSE AND THE BEST NEIGHBOR CONTEST; MICKEY MOUSE AND THE MOUSEKETEERS: GHOST TOWN ADVENTURES; WHERE WILL ALL THE ANIMALS GO?

Six more stories following tradition of this series of 100 titles with familiar, colorful illustrations, simple vocabulary: Big Bird is oblivious to excitement of fire engines, Santa Claus as he searches in his bag for something red; Matt learns that farm animals know where to go during a storm; witch gets shortchanged when sharing her cookie tree with Cookie Monster; in a reversal of the three bears, one bear visits Donald's house and eats all the pineapple and sardine pizza; Mouseketeers discover gold while helping a recluse cultivate his garden; helpful Goofy wins Mickey's good neighbor contest

BOOKS REVIEWED IN OTHER SOURCES

The books listed below have received favorable reviews in one or more of the following reviewing sources. Code letters for the reviewing sources are cited after the bibliographic entry for each title. The reviewing sources and their code letters are as follows:

AMERICAN LIBRARIES	AL
BOOK REVIEW DIGEST	BRD
BOOKLIST	BKL
BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS	BCCB
CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEW SERVICE	CBRS
CHOICE	C
HORN BOOK	HB
KIRKUS REVIEWS	KR
LIBRARY JOURNAL	LJ
NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW	NYTBR
PUBLISHERS WEEKLY	PW
SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL	SLJ
SCIENCE BOOKS AND FILMS	SBF
TOP OF THE NEWS	TN
WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN	WLB

An asterisk after the code letters for the reviewing source indicates that the title was highly recommended in that particular reviewing source.

Kellog, Steven. THE MYSTERIOUS TADPOLE. Dial, 1977. unp. $6.46. $2.50 paper.
Grades K-2. BCCB BKL CBRS KR PW SLJ

Paterson, Diane. IF I WERE A TOAD. Dial, 1977. unp. $4.58. $1.75 paper.
Grades K-1. BKL CBRS KR PW

Stamaty, Mark Alan. WHERE'S MY HIPPOPOTAMUS? Dial, 1977. unp. $6.46. $2.25 paper.
Grades K-2. CBRS KR PW SLJ

FILMSTRIPS (SILENT)

Filmstrips (Silent) in a Series

NON-VERBAL FILMSTRIP PACKAGE. Weston Woods, 1977. 2 HangUp bags each containing 1 color filmstrip, 1 study guide each $9. Grades K-4
Titles: THE BEAR AND THE FLY; A FLYING SAUCER FULL OF SPAGHETTI

Entertaining, instructive, vivid presentation of illustrations from selected picture books; humorous, fanciful plot lines will retain student attention and stimulate creative oral response, participation; accompanying guide includes specific activities, discussion questions for each filmstrip; useful vehicle for developing interpretative skills

FILMSTRIPS (SOUND)

Filmstrips (Sound) in a Series

SOUND FILMSTRIP SET 43C. Weston Woods, 1977. 4 color filmstrips, 1 cassette tape, 4 text booklets $40. Grades K-3
Titles: CHARLIE NEEDS A CLOAK; APT. 3; TEN WHAT?; HENRY THE EXPLORER

Entertaining picture book stories which provide subtle instruction on such topics as making cloth from wool, listening perceptively to sounds, counting,

SOUND FILMSTRIP SET 43 C. (Cont'd.)

identifying; apropos background music, clear narration, varying styles of color illustrations, suitable length will encourage young students to listen, learn, read

SOUND FILMSTRIP SET 47. Weston Woods, 1979. 4 HangUp bags each containing 1 color filmstrip, 1 cassette tape, 1 text booklet each $15. Grades K-3
Titles: BEDTIME!; FOURTEEN RATS AND A RAT-CATCHER; JOHN BROWN, ROSE AND THE MIDNIGHT CAT; THE TRIP

Beguiling, imaginative stories featuring animals, humans that communicate and fantasies prompted by bedtime, Halloween; vivid illustrations depict mood of each story, while effective background music, appropriate sound effects, expressive narrators enhance total presentation; contributory to development of listening skills, visual response; potentially useful for motivating individuals to read or as a follow-up to reading

SOUND FILMSTRIP SETS. Weston Woods, 1978, 1979. 7 HangUp bags each containing 1 color filmstrip, 1 cassette tape, 1 text booklet each $15. Grades K-5
Titles: CLEVER BILL; MARY OF MILE 18; MORRIS'S DISAPPEARING BAG; NICHOLAS AND THE MOON EGGS; PETER PENNY'S DANCE; THE RAT RACE; SMILE FOR AUNTIE

Narrative filmstrip versions of familiar picture books; varying in length from three to fifteen minutes; age range from kindergarten up to fifth grade; faithful reproductions

AWARD LIBRARIES. Weston Woods, 1978, 1979. 5 color filmstrips, 5 cassette tapes, 4 text booklets, 5 HangUp bags each title $15. Grades K-3
Titles: DAVID AND DOG; THE FOOL OF THE WORLD AND FLYING SHIP; THE GOLEM; NOAH'S ARK; THE POST OFFICE CAT

Clear narration and color characterize these reproductions of five award winning picture books; four are exact replications; THE GOLEM is preceded by an introduction explaining significance of the word and the legend and should be previewed before use